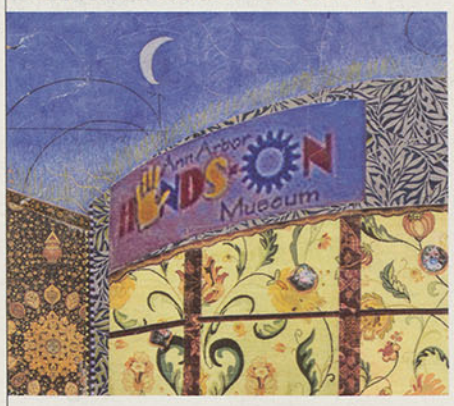

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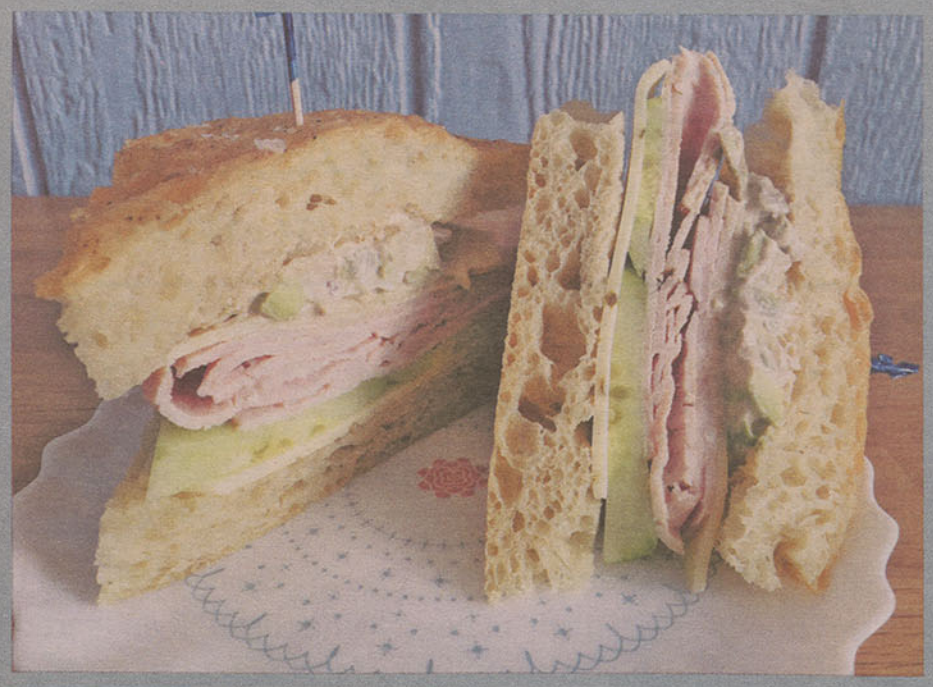

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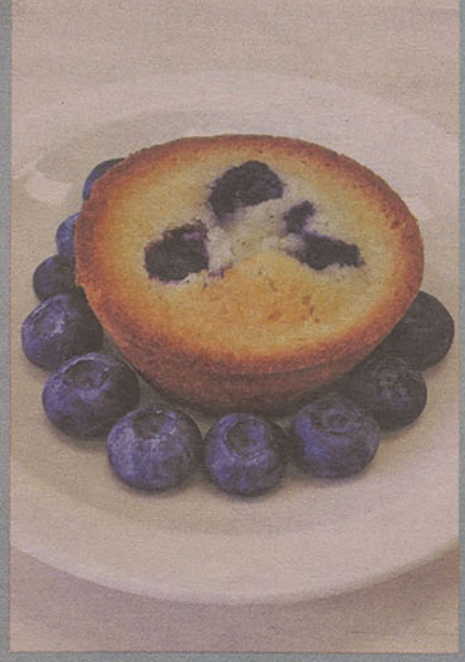

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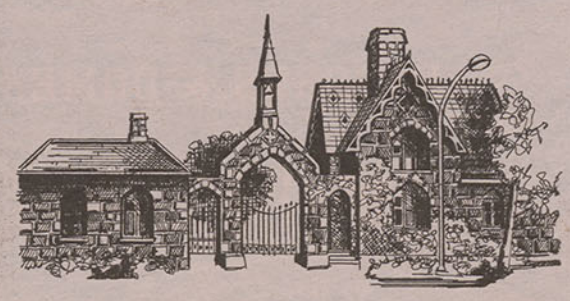

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PERSISTENCE AND PROTEST

The faces of Ann Arbor activism

by Nina Molina

The protesters appeared like a holy procession, holding flickering candles in perfect silence, demonstrating against the detention camps on the U.S.-Mexico border. The 800-strong Lights for Liberty participants walked down Main St. and turned on Liberty. On that summer evening last year, car show participants, shop-goers, and restaurant patrons watched the slow march.

Later, a woman posted on the event's Facebook page, saying she was deeply affected by the procession. "She wrote this essay about how, there she was, sitting in her privilege sipping her cold rosé on a summer night. Then, she saw the silent protesters march by. She says it moved her to tears and moved her to realize she needs to do more to be a part of the change," says Corky Wattles, Lights for Liberty's organizer and Ann Arbor activist.

For Wattles, these epiphanies remind her why she became a political organizer. "We moved her into action. To me, if I got one more person on board to be a part of the change, Hallelujah."

Scenes like this are not a rarity in Ann Arbor, where activism has long been a way of life. More than a century ago, women campaigned for the right to vote. In the 1960s, black and white residents picketed City Hall to end racial discrimination in housing, and the Students for a Democratic Society mobilized protests against the Vietnam War.

In the 1970s, a U-M environmental teach-in laid the groundwork for the first Earth Day, and a "freedom rally" featuring cultural icons John Lennon, Allen Ginsberg, Yoko Ono, and Stevie Wonder helped win marijuana martyr John Sinclair's release from prison. The Black Action Movement demanded increased black enrollment at the U-M. Then and later, the women's and LGBTQ movements found ardent vocal supporters in both university students and city residents.

Though the issues and causes have evolved over the years, the setting has remained the same—the city of Ann Arbor.

According to Wattles, the city's ties to the university lend a heightened awareness of political issues and engagement. Its rich history also informs its present relationship to activism.

"Students for a Democratic Society had a profound impact on ending the Vietnam War and that kind of impact does not end when the organization ends," says Wattles. "The energy of that movement lives on, on the campus of the U of M. People and movements die but their energy never does."

The sixty-four-year-old activist's political awakening came early. Growing up in Warren, Wattles experienced her political campaigning at fourteen, when her father ran for state representative. She discovered her talent for organizing, corralling people, and planning events in high school. She has been protesting ever since, including organizing a bus trip to the 2018 March for Our Lives protest in Washington, D.C. The movement began in response to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Florida. Almost two million students, parents, and allies marched through the capital advocating for legislation to prevent gun violence in schools.

"I think that's where I excel as an activist," Wattles says. "I can organize a rally and I can organize a bus trip and the logistics of getting hotel rooms and getting people down there."

She also raised money to bring six teens from the Neutral Zone to the march. "These kids said about their experience … 'This will make me an activist for life,' " Wattles recalls.

Wattles has witnessed how activism has evolved over the years. In particular, the rise of social media has made it easier to engage people in social justice issues. The Lights for Liberty march "was just a Twitter movement. And so I said

MARK BIALEK

Corky Wattles (above left) got her introduction to politics at fourteen, when her father ran for state rep. Zaynab Elkolaly (right) started even younger: after she started wearing a hijab at age ten, "a white man called me a terrorist."

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'Okay, this, I can do this.' And I know how to put a rally together and do social media marketing. It was a huge success."

She's learned a new vocabulary, too, like being "woke." She defines it as "when you're willing to absorb and examine with societal evidence and change your perspectives and beliefs." With the present reevaluation of racism's roots within institutions, systems, and culture, she says, that includes listening as an ally and doing her research through reading.

Though Wattles considers herself one of the "old white rabble rousers," she says her generation still must do "the work to understand how hardwired into the very foundation of this republic racism is."

For nineteen-year-old Zaynab Elkolaly, activism was thrust upon her at ten years old, when she began wearing a hijab. "A white man called me a terrorist when I was with my mother. So, I realized there was something wrong with the world," she says.

She began reading books and researching marginalized communities in the U.S. and around the world. At the Michigan Islamic Academy, she raised consciousness about these issues with her peers. At Washtenaw Technical Middle College, she expanded into national and international activism. And in 2018, she founded the Human Rights Youth Coalition, which uses community dialogues to mobilize around human rights atrocities, particularly the repercussions of U.S. interventionism overseas.

Now a U-M student, Elkolaly is also involved in Know Your IX, a national organization that, in the words of its website, "aims to empower students to end sexual and dating violence in their schools." Survivor activists help educate their peers and advocate for policy changes.

Though her activism can be broken down into categories, Elkolaly doesn't see it that way. "I wholeheartedly believe that every cause is intertwined," she says. "You don't have racial justice, environmental justice, economic justice, or gender justice. Every oppression is placed within our community in our country."

Her faith inspires her. "It's a tenet of Islam to uphold justice and overthrow oppressors," she says. "I believe that it's an act of worship to advocate for marginalized communities and [the] oppressions they face."

In addition to organizing and planning, Elkolaly continues to protest in the streets, especially in the wake of the May 2020 killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. "I believe that putting your body on the line is especially important for somebody of a lighter complexion like me," she says. "Automatically, I'm going to have more privilege than a black hijabi. So, in the case of protest, I am going to put my body between the police and them."

For political organizer and housing advocate Alex Thomas, activism is rooted in the city's heart. "Ann Arbor has a rich tradition and community of activism. And there was a lot of grassroots community activism about providing housing for people," he says.

Thomas, fifty, once lived in a residence operated by Avalon Housing. Now he's on the board. Founded in 1992 to shift the response

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"Ann Arbor has a rich tradition and community of activism," says Alex Thomas. One of Avalon Housing's first tenants, he's now on the board—and a community activist in his old neighbhood in Ypsi Township.

MARK BIALEK

Terril Cotton became an inadvertant organizer after he asked on Facebook if anyone locally was planning to protest the killing of George Floyd.

to homelessness in Ann Arbor from providing temporary shelter to long-term, supportive housing, Avalon now houses approximately 900 people in more than twenty-five properties. Many had been homeless for years and face mental health and substance use issues.

"I'm really proud of the association," says Thomas. "I was one of their first tenants in '92. My first venture into activism was organizing the tenant's association." The Pilot Light Project planned activities that included gardening, voter registration, softball games, and movie nights.

Thomas moved out of the country to pursue other interests but returned to Michigan to care for his elderly mother in 2016.

He found his old neighborhood, West Willow in Ypsilanti Township, in decline. "So, I started getting involved with my neighborhood association. I wanted to find out what was best practice and just get a better understanding of the area." Though he now lives in Ann Arbor, he remains a community activist there.

He says the largest obstacle in dealing with the area's housing crisis is a lack of understanding, particularly of the communities east of US-23 that have borne the brunt of it. "You have housing prices steadily increasing in Ann Arbor encroaching upon the housing market in eastern Washtenaw County," he says. That has the effect of "driving up the prices and forcing vulnerable people out due to spending a disproportionate amount of their income on housing costs."

As a former tenant of Avalon, Thomas can empathize. "If you haven't been at the mercy of the housing market and not been able to find affordable housing, it's theoretical for you. There's things you just can't know. So that definitely informs my perspective as a board member, just having a closer connection to the issues in a more informed understanding of what that experience is."

Thomas defines activism as educating yourself and taking action on your interests. "Learn about and understand where the power centers are—why are things the way they are in that inner circle that you're in?" he says. "You have to approach it with the seriousness that you profess."

In the days following George Floyd's killing, Terril Cotton asked on Facebook if there was going to be a protest in Ypsilanti or Ann Arbor. The thirty-seven-year-old Ann Arbor resident's question sparked an online dialogue and a flurry of activity. Cotton was later told that almost 4,000 people came to the protest he inadvertently organized.

Though Cotton had previously attended protests in response to the killing of black men by police, it was his first time initiating one. Cotton found a reason to speak up for George Floyd. "The man literally landed crying and screaming for his mom while he was dying."

At other rallies, he'd noticed that mainly those in higher positions of power had the opportunity to speak. So he organized a "people's mic" to give voice to a wider range of community members. "I think it's good for everybody to speak up because we are trying to get rid of racism," Cotton says. "Even if we are saying black lives, I think everybody should speak up."

Cotton has a physical disability that makes transportation difficult, but he never found this to be a reason not to protest.

"Yes, I will continue to be involved in activism in the future," Cotton says. "There's always something that needs to change."

Despite their various approaches and causes, Wattles, Cotton, Thomas, and Elkolaly are united by the passion to uplift others in their community, schools, country, and world. Elkolaly offers an eloquently hopeful summation: "No matter what, no matter how much threatened by your peers or some sort of oppressive party, do everything that you do unapologetically, and realize that courage is more important than fear, [that] you are not alone, and that your power will ultimately reign victorious." ■

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A running joke in Michigan is that Ann Arbor is 25 square miles surrounded by reality. In 2020, reality arrived in the form of Covid-19.

As the pandemic overwhelmed southeast Michigan, the area's giant health-care systems confronted a rising tide of very sick patients. But saving lives was expensive, and the U-M later laid off hospital employees and encouraged other workers to take voluntary furloughs. With campus closed and staff working from home, the city's heart rate slowed. Governments, educational institutions and businesses of all kinds face continuing stress.

Yet Ann Arbor remains a lovely and desirable place to live. You'll find more information in this section about housing prices in city neighborhoods, but the bottom line is that, although sales have slowed, prices have basically given back only what they gained in 2019 and the first part of 2020, and in some places a little bit more. The city's unusual combination of cultural attractions, active family neighborhoods, and livability keeps Ann Arbor in many top ten "Best Cities in America" lists, and despite Covid-related layoffs, new workers are arriving.

Ann Arbor Public Schools classes for 2020 are virtual, but when the pandemic subsides, kids in most Ann Arbor neighborhoods will once again be able to walk to their elementary schools. This year, we've added walking and biking information for each Ann Arbor elementary school district (many of these extend well beyond the city limits).

For senior housing, see the Seniors section of this guide.

ABBOT

Smaller ranch homes abound on the flat, quiet streets of Ann Arbor's affordable and family-friendly Abbot neighborhood on the northwest side. North and west of M-14, newer rural residential development mixes with farmland between Wagner and Zeeb; these Scio Township lots are typically big enough to require a riding lawn mower.

Around the school itself, the Hollywood Park subdivision is conveniently close to highway access ramps and the commercial strip along Maple and Stadium, which includes two groceries: upscale Plum Market and discount ALDI. A major apartment complex, 328-unit Arbor Landings, is discreetly tucked away off Dexter west of Maple. At its westernmost point, Abbot's district dips south of Jackson to take in most of the Scio Farms manufactured home community (a few blocks in this community are assigned to Haisley School).

Maple, Dexter (east of M-14), and Miller (east of M-14) are all major arterial streets with bike lanes. Abbot School has a walkscore.com rating of 39. Walking on Maple to shopping is possible, but Dexter has no sidewalks and is dangerous for pedestrians.

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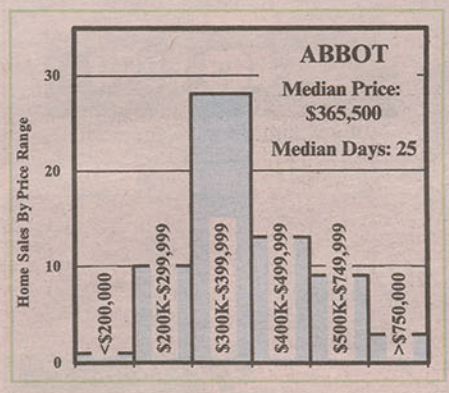

ALLEN

Allen Elementary serves varied neighborhoods of sturdy brick ranches, colonials, and tri-levels on the east and southeast sides of the city. Allen School itself lies behind historic Cobblestone Farm and year-round city recreation favorite Buhr Park, which features a swimming pool, outdoor ice rink, barn with farm animals, and sports fields. Many small ranches here were built in the 1950s as the area was hooked up to Ann Arbor water and sewer services.

The single-family neighborhoods north of Washtenaw have a split personality: unpaved streets and large, wooded lots give the homes on Chalmers and Woodland a country feel, in contrast to the bigger, newer houses of the Woodcreek subdivision. The same contrast is visible north along the river, where tract mansions tower over the smaller, architect-designed homes of the Thornoaks sub, now preserved as a mid-century modern historic district. South of Michigan Ave. is the Hickory Pointe subdivision with its 65 homes, 5 parks, and swim club. North of there, at Platt and Textile, the new Pittsfield Glen sub will include 60 attached multifamily condominiums and 104 detached single-family homes.

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Nancy Stryker admires the sunflowers in the garden at Sunward Cohousing (Cohousing).

The Allen district includes the ranch-style 103-unit Carleton Court apartments at Packard and Platt. Students also are bused in from 3 huge rental complexes south of I-94: the 582-unit Pines of Cloverlane and 440-unit Hamptons of Cloverlane, both off Michigan Ave., and the affordable 609-unit University Townhouses co-op on Ellsworth. On Platt south of Packard, an older public housing project was recently redeveloped as Creekside Court, for people earning no more than half the city's median income.

Platt has bike lanes. Huron River Dr. is a suggested route. East-west commuting is difficult: cyclists use sidewalks on the major arteries of Washtenaw and Packard.

Allen School has a walkscore.com rating of 30. The Woodcreek subdivision area is close to Arborland area shopping, with groceries and more, but many areas are not within walking distance of retail.

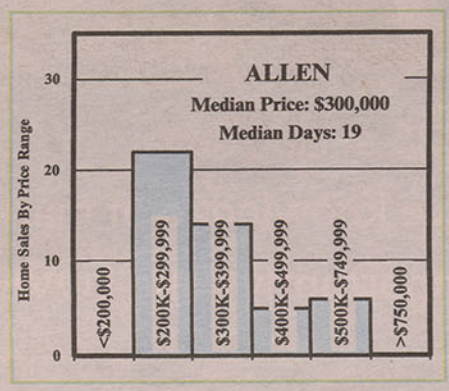
Depending on their neighborhood, Allen grads go on to Scarlett or Tappan, and from there to Huron or Pioneer.

Frank Lloyd Wright–designed Palmer House on Orchard Hills Dr. (you can now stay overnight there), are architectural showpieces. South of Geddes are the winding, wooded streets of another top-dollar neighborhood, Ann Arbor Hills, also with many custom designed homes.

The Angell district reaches north of the river to include the modernist 360-unit Huron Towers, built in 1960 and constructed using the then-new lift-slab system devised by U-M architecture prof Philip Youtz, and U-M family housing on North Campus, except for Northwood V. Children also are bused in from the huge 598-unit Golfside Lakes apartment complex east of US-23.

Geddes has a sidewalk bike path, and campus areas are well supplied with bike infrastructure. Angell School has a walkscore.com rating of 71, and many parts of the neighborhood are within walking distance of shopping on South University or Plymouth.

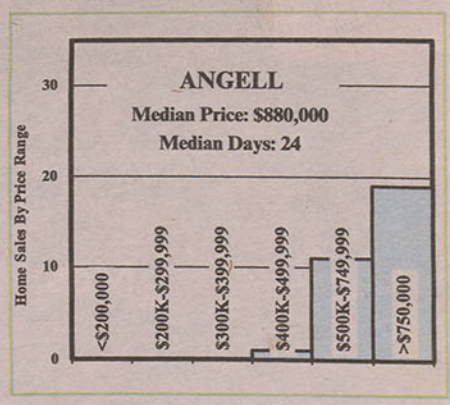
Angell grads go on to Tappan and Scarlett middle schools and meet up again at Huron High.



ANGELL

Homes served from Angell School shade from fraternities and student apartments near the U-M campus to exclusive homes to the north and east, residences of prominent university and medical school faculty. Bordering on the 123-acre Nichols Arboretum, a wooded natural area sloping down to the Huron River, Angell in its northern reaches is parklike itself. The riverside areas are among the city's most expensive neighborhoods, with stately mansions and large, secluded homes.

East of the Arb, the streets north of Geddes are lined with one-of-a-kind homes from the decades on either side of World War II. Perched on the slopes overlooking the river are newer custom-built houses, many in mid-century modern styles. Many, including the



BACH

With their porch swings and bountiful front-yard gardens, the homes of the city's Old West Side—just a short walk from downtown—welcome passersby to the heart of the Bach Elementary area, which boasts 13 historic districts within its borders. Most homes are small Victorians originally built by 19th-century German workmen. Many have been painstakingly restored. In exchange for some of the highest prices per square foot in the city, buyers get shady streets, houses with character, and a fabulous location.

Also served by Bach School (Ann Arborites say "Bah") are the neighborhoods around downtown and the U-M campus, including the Old Fourth Ward His-

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Realtors reported selling 1,146 single-family homes in the Ann Arbor School District between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020. This was 6 percent fewer than the prior twelve-month period, and 10.26 percent fewer than in June 2017–May 2018.

This graph divides those sales into six broad price ranges. On the following pages, nineteen additional graphs similarly break down sales within each elementary schools' attendance boundaries. The median selling price is also listed (half cost more, half cost less), as well as the median number of days a home was on the market before a seller accepted an offer. The figures are based on analysis of Realtors' reports after removing duplicates and/or misclassified sales. The Board of Realtors does not guarantee the accuracy of its data, but it is generally reliable.

Sales prices continued to climb, but not as robustly. While last year's overall median selling price rose 5.7 percent, from $364,000 to $385,000, this year's increased just 2.3 percent, to $394,000. The median price per square foot of finished, above-grade living space slipped 1.8 percent, to $217, after rising 8 percent the previous year.

Total sales volume fell $26.5 million dollars (4.8 percent), to $520,275,839. And homes took longer to sell, with median days on market increasing from twelve to sixteen.

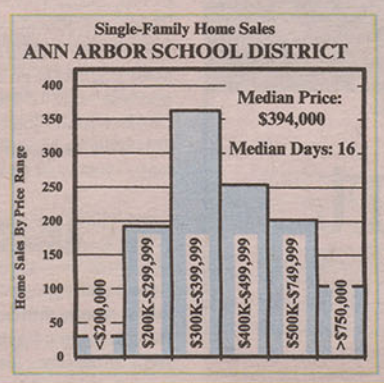
Some school districts oscillated far more widely. Northside reported nearly twice as many sales as the prior year, partially spurred by seventeen new construction sales at Pulte's North Sky community. Meanwhile, sales in Burns Park and Angell fell 39.8 percent and 36.7 percent.

The biggest district, Bryant-Pattengill, again had the most sales, 104. Its median price, however, fell 7.5 percent from $394,450 to $365,000—the biggest decrease among all of the school areas. Bach and Allen (-6.1 percent) and Wines (-5.1 percent) also saw appreciable decreases to their median price.

Burns Park's median sales price soared 20 percent, to $643,000. But perennial leader Angell increased almost as much, 19.4 percent, to $880,000, retaining its commanding hold on the top spot. Other elementary school districts showing double-digit increases include Pittsfield (12.1 percent), Carpenter (11.7 percent), and King (11.1 percent).

Due to their low sales numbers, Burns Park and Angell lost the most in total sales volume: 30.3 percent for Burns Park and 29 percent for Angell. Combined they account for a $27,898,394 decrease in total sales volume. With nearly a 100 percent increase in number of sales within Northside's boundaries, sales volumes there jumped from just $12,856,973 last year to $26,899,312 this year.

—Sue Maguire



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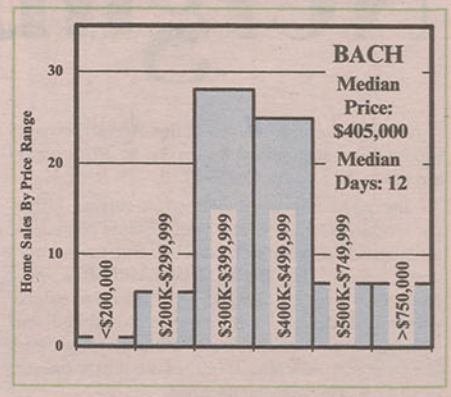


toric District. Increasingly gentrified, with rehabbed single-family homes as well as new homes and a rapidly growing collection of luxury condominiums, the area is also home to well-worn student rentals.

North of Miller, homes are set close to the sidewalk on narrow lots, with porch sitters, bike riders, and kids playing on the sidewalk. Long economically and racially mixed, this neighborhood has become less diverse as prices rise, but rentals remain available. Nestled in a valley between Huron and Miller, West Park offers a band shell and baseball diamond.

Farther south, single-family bungalows, small ranches, and a few story-and-a-halfs (most built after World War II) thread outward from Allmendinger Park, with its softball diamonds, playground, tennis and basketball courts, and picnic facilities. Lilacs line its perimeter.

To the east, Bach extends through the downtown all the way to the U-M Diag. The red-brick buildings of the 207-unit Nob Hill apartment complex, the old-timer among the area's apartment complexes, fit comfortably into the neighborhood's southern edge.

Downtown student apartments are well represented here and pre-pandemic were steadily creeping west, with the 99-unit Z West on William and Thompson, 411 Lofts at Washington and Division, the 96-unit Varsity next door, the 210-unit Foundry Lofts and the 124-unit Hub north of Huron, and the Yard at S. Main and Mosley. The 155-unit Ann Arbor City Club Apartments at Washington and First, the 164 units at 618 S. Main across from the Yard, and the smaller Montgomery Houze at 212 S. Fourth Ave. are unusual in marketing their luxury units to a broader demographic.

At 26 stories, the Tower Plaza condominium on William and Maynard is Ann Arbor's tallest building—and seems certain to remain so, since the city has height limits for new construction. But smaller buildings abound. On Liberty west of downtown, a former car wash has been turned into the Mark, luxury condos with prices starting upwards of $550,000. To the north, a still-growing cluster of infill condos includes 121 Kingsley West, 218 W. Kingsley, and 410 N. First, and the mid-rise Kingsley Condominiums. Some larger units in the area have topped $1 million. Bach School also serves the triangle bounded by South Main, Eisenhower, and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Residents of the 306-unit Woodland Mews flats and townhouses (which include both owner-occupied condos and rental units) can walk to Busch's supermarket and Whole Foods—or to a game at U-M's new soccer stadium.

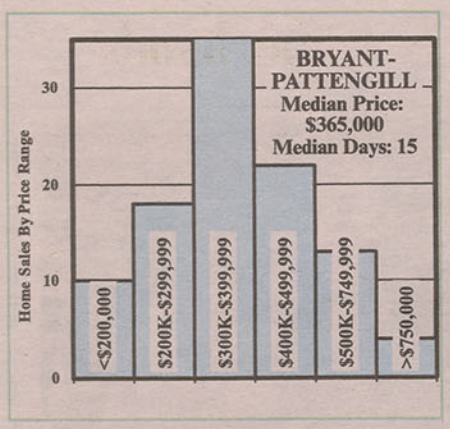
The city's new protected bike lane on William connects the west side with the university and another is on the way along S. First St. On the west side, Liberty has a bike lane, Seventh has one northbound (the Bach side), and wide Washington is a suggested route.

Walkscore.com rates Bach School at 85, and that's probably one of the lower scores in the neighborhood. Downtown residents are just a few minutes' walk from the Farmers Market, the People's Food Co-op, Zingerman's Deli, and Kerrytown Market & Shops, and almost every corner of this neighborhood has retail nearby.

Most Bach kids go on to Slauson, but some on the northern edge of the district can choose Forsythe. Children in the southern triangle go to Tappan. Bach kids who live north of Huron attend Skyline High, while all the rest go to Pioneer.

BRYANT-PATTENGILL

Bryant and Pattengill are paired elementary schools in two south side neighborhoods. The area around Bryant, serving kindergarten through grade 2, offers some of the city's least expensive housing with small ranch homes and multifamily complexes; homes are



bigger and more expensive near Pattengill, where kids in both districts go for grades 3–5.

The neighborhoods off Packard include streets of modest and some larger homes, plus apartment and condo complexes. The new George apartments on Packard combine 249 units with (yet to be occupied) retail space. The area surrounding Pattengill, once prime farmland, was built up after World War II. Kimberly Hills, south of Independence, has newer and bigger homes, some on dirt roads left over from a previous township "island." Southwest of Packard, moderately priced houses built in the 1940s and 1950s are mixed with apartments.

The subdivisions near and south of Eisenhower are slightly more affluent. Tri-levels, ranches, colonials, and Cape Cods sit along winding streets. Georgetown, west of Stone School Rd., has a semi-private golf course, private pool, and tennis courts.

South of the interchange of Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. and I-94, in Pittsfield Township, newer single-family housing predominates in a maze of twisting streets behind the Oak Valley and Waters Place shopping centers. Subs here include Briar Hill, Lake Forest, Lake Forest Highlands, and the Pines at Lake Forest. The new Estates at Bella Vista and Villas at Bella Vista south of Meijer on Ann Arbor–Saline have broken ground and are selling, and more upscale homes are on the way along this stretch.

South of Ellsworth are the winding roads of the huge Stonebridge golf course subdivision and nearby smaller subs, with stately executive homes and detached condominiums in a large area that's divided between the Ann Arbor and Saline school districts.

Multifamily housing is also abundant. Small apartment buildings line Packard and E. Stadium. Midsize complexes along Packard include Mulberry Row (120 units), Pine Valley (164 units), Homestead Commons (112 units), and the upscale 134-unit Ponds at Georgetown. Spruce Knob, just to the south off Stone School, adds 168 units. Woodbury Gardens, off Stadium at South Industrial, is one of the city's biggest rental complexes, with 538 units; Arbor Village, behind St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, has 237. Five complexes in the Briarwood mall area—the renamed The Emerson (formerly Signature Club) and Briar Cove south of Eisenhower, Harbor House, Hidden Valley Club, and Lake Village to the north—add another 1,100 units.

Condos and co-ops include the 306 affordable townhouses of Forest Hills Cooperative on Ellsworth, the 76-unit Cloverly Village at Ellsworth and Stone School, the 116-unit Georgetown Commons, and a trio of complexes of Ann Arbor–Saline south of I-94: Heatherwood with 188 2- and 3-bedroom ranches; and Oak Meadows and Weatherstone, each with more than 300 mid-priced units.

Packard, Stone School, and State have new bike lanes; cyclists use sidewalks on Eisenhower.

Bryant and Pattengill Schools each have a walkscore.com rating of 27. Homes in the southwestern part of the district are close to shopping on Ann Arbor–Saline and Eisenhower, but most other subdivisions are far from retail.

All the kids in Bryant-Pattengill go on to Tappan and Pioneer.

BURNS PARK

Blocks of tree-canopied streets and well-tended classic old homes set around a historic park and school—as well as its location near both U-M's campus and downtown—make Burns Park one of the city's most desirable neighborhoods.

Northeast of the namesake park, the shady streets climb the gentle slopes of the area known as Ives Woods, which has one of the highest median household incomes in Ann Arbor. Even higher in income is the area north of Washtenaw, where eclectic homes on large, wooded lots, including some recent construction, dot the streets stretching east toward Huron Pkwy.

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David DeVarti and Ellen Rabinowitz

All in the family pod

At first it was fun. They attended Zoom celebrations—a bat mitzvah and a bridal shower—and had cocktails with family and friends. "It was charming and fun, but the novelty has worn off," says Ellen Rabinowitz, who lives with her husband, David DeVarti, across the street from Burns Park. Daughter Julia is staying with them now. Son Sam lives on the west side but is part of their pandemic pod and often joins them for dinner.

The family has good times together—they have their own book club and just read *How to Be an Anti-Racist.* They hosted a party for DeVarti's birthday in their driveway, making sure no more than ten people attended simultaneously and keeping them six feet apart. "It was nice to see people in person," says Rabinowitz. From their porch, they enjoy talking to passersby.

But these days, too much activity is virtual. DeVarti is helping plan a fiftieth-year joint reunion for Pioneer and Huron High Schools. The schools shared a building until DeVarti's senior year, when Huron High opened. After canceling the July event, they now hold meetings to prepare for next summer, they hope.

DeVarti also meets distantly with Ann Arbor's Zoning Board of Appeals, the Ann Arbor Film Festival—he's on the boards—and Washtenaw Community College (WCC), where he is a trustee.

Through careful planning, DeVarti and Rabinowitz visit grocery stores less often now, even though they eat at home more. They order out once or twice a week, too, and feel good about supporting local restaurants.

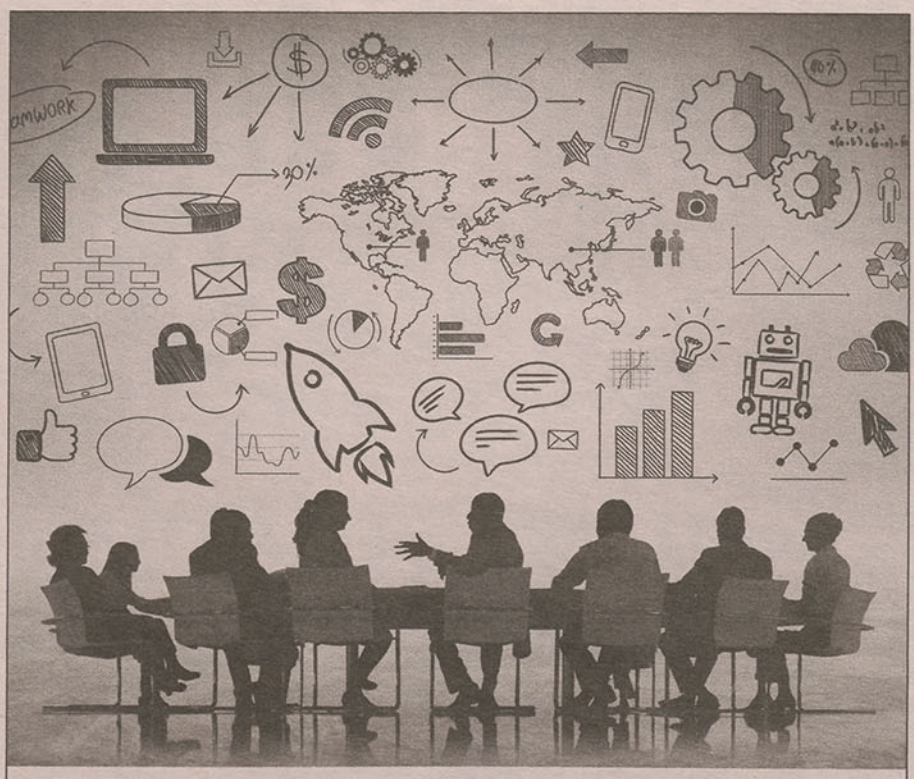
DeVarti had always taken walks, maybe a mile a day. Since Sam turned his dad on to Pokémon Go, he's been walking about seven miles most days, in two or three walks that take him to downtown, the athletic campus, central campus, and beyond. "When I do my campus walks at night, students are out, having a great time, not social distancing," he says. Rabinowitz shares his concern as the new semester approaches. "It's unrealistic to expect students who are partying in large groups to stay safe," she says.

DeVarti is also running—for WCC's board of trustees, since his six-year term is about to expire. The politically engaged family has participated in Black Lives Matter protests that included a silent bike ride. And they recently hosted a talk by Eli Savit in their driveway, with chairs set up in separated pods.

Rabinowitz, who retired from the Washtenaw County Health Department last summer, returned to work for six weeks to lead the Covid-19 response for the homeless, finding hotel rooms for indigents to stay safely. "Being able to work sure felt good," she says, adding that she's experiencing survivor's guilt now as she watches the public health response from the sidelines. "Our local health department has done a fabulous job of getting information out," she says.

Is it helping? Students don't seem aware of a threat, but neighbors are. "As people are out and walking, it's a lovely dance," says Rabinowitz, noting that as one couple approaches, another walks into the street. "These are very powerful and painful times."

—Davi Napoleon



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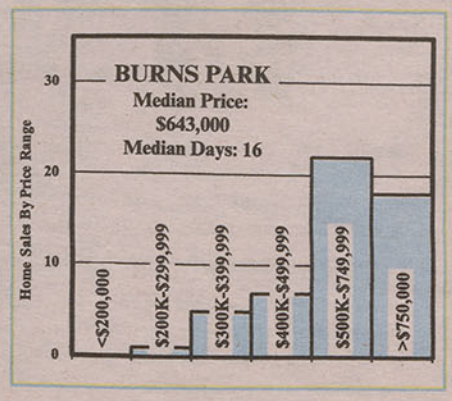
Burns Park includes the South University business district, home to the 18-story, 240-unit University Towers apartments—ugly to some, but home to Madonna back in the day. After it was built in the 1960s the city slapped a height limit on the area that lasted forty years. When it was finally lifted in the mid-2000s, developers quickly responded with new luxury student high-rises, including the 10-story Zaragon Place on East University, the 14-story Landmark, catercorner from U Towers, and the 13-story Arbor Blu, which rises above the Pizza House restaurant. The latest additions are the 14-story Six11 midblock between East University and Church and Vic Village North across South U.



Near Packard and Hill, older houses occupied by longtime residents mingle with large fraternity, sorority, and cooperative houses and student apartment buildings. More student rentals are sprinkled around Lower Burns Park (affectionately "LoBuPa") south and west of Packard, though zoning changes seek to halt any further advance. Adults predominate in the 262-unit Ann Arbor Woods apartments near E. Stadium.

Packard and Stadium (from Packard to Washtenaw) have marked bike lanes; Huron River Dr. has a sidewalk path.

Burns Park School has a walkscore.com rating of 63. Part of the appeal of historic Burns Park lies in its

proximity to the U-M—it's a hike in winter, but walkable from most places. The eastern part of the district is within walking distance of retail on Washtenaw or Stadium.

Students from the immediate Burns Park area all go to Tappan Middle School, but then they split, with those north of Washtenaw going to Huron High and the rest to Pioneer. Students also are bused in to Burns Park from Arbor Pointe, with 280 apartments across from Washtenaw Community College, and the huge Glencoe Hills complex, whose 584 units extend from Washtenaw to Clark east of US-23. Students from these areas go on to Scarlett Middle School (except for a few living north of Clark who are in the Clague area) and to Huron High.

CARPENTER

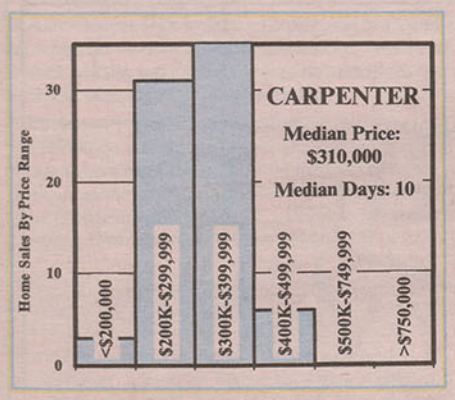
Carpenter Elementary serves two areas of northeast Pittsfield Township, an area long popular for its affordable homes and semi-rural setting. The small frame and ranch houses in the original Carpenter School neighborhood were built around World War II. Several generations live on these quiet, flat streets, laid out in a grid between Packard and Washtenaw. Stretches of condos, townhouses, and single-family homes spread along the south side of Packard and in the Arbor Woods subdivision. An older neighborhood of connected shady streets lies west of Golfside.

Children along Christina and adjoining streets north of Morgan are bused to Carpenter. So are those in an area between Crane and Golfside along and south of Textile, in the far southeast corner of the school district. South of Ellsworth and west of US-23, where the Carpenter area stretches south of Michigan Ave., subdivisions alternate with individual homes among acres of surviving farmland; the new Estates at Pittsfield Glen, with entrances on Platt and Textile, has a model open and is selling now, as is the second phase of the Arbor Farms development off Platt. Wellesley Gardens, on Michigan Ave. just west of US-23, has 426 condos, lofts, and townhouses; the Arbor Knoll apartments are next door. To the west, on Stone School south of Ellsworth, are the 200 "upper and lower ranches" of the Woodside Meadows condominium.

Packard has an east-west bike lane running from Ann Arbor to Ypsilanti, but otherwise bike infrastructure is rare in this area.

Carpenter Elementary's walkscore.com rating is 47. The southwestern parts of the neighborhood are within walking distance of shopping at Carpenter and Packard.

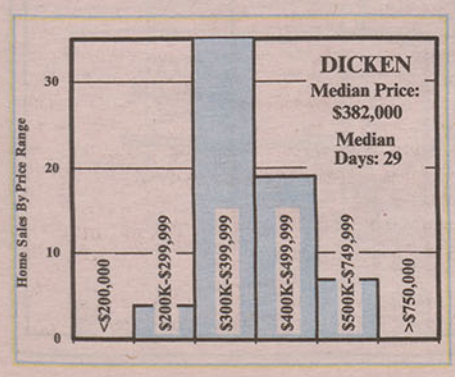
Carpenter grads go on to Scarlett Middle School and Huron High.



DICKEN

Dicken is a west side family neighborhood with shady streets and classic suburban-style 1- and 2-story homes. It includes Dicken Woods, a nature area behind the elementary school that was saved from development by neighbors and is now the site of school and community nature programs.

Small parks are sprinkled throughout the area. Mushroom Park is known for its comical ceramic fungi;



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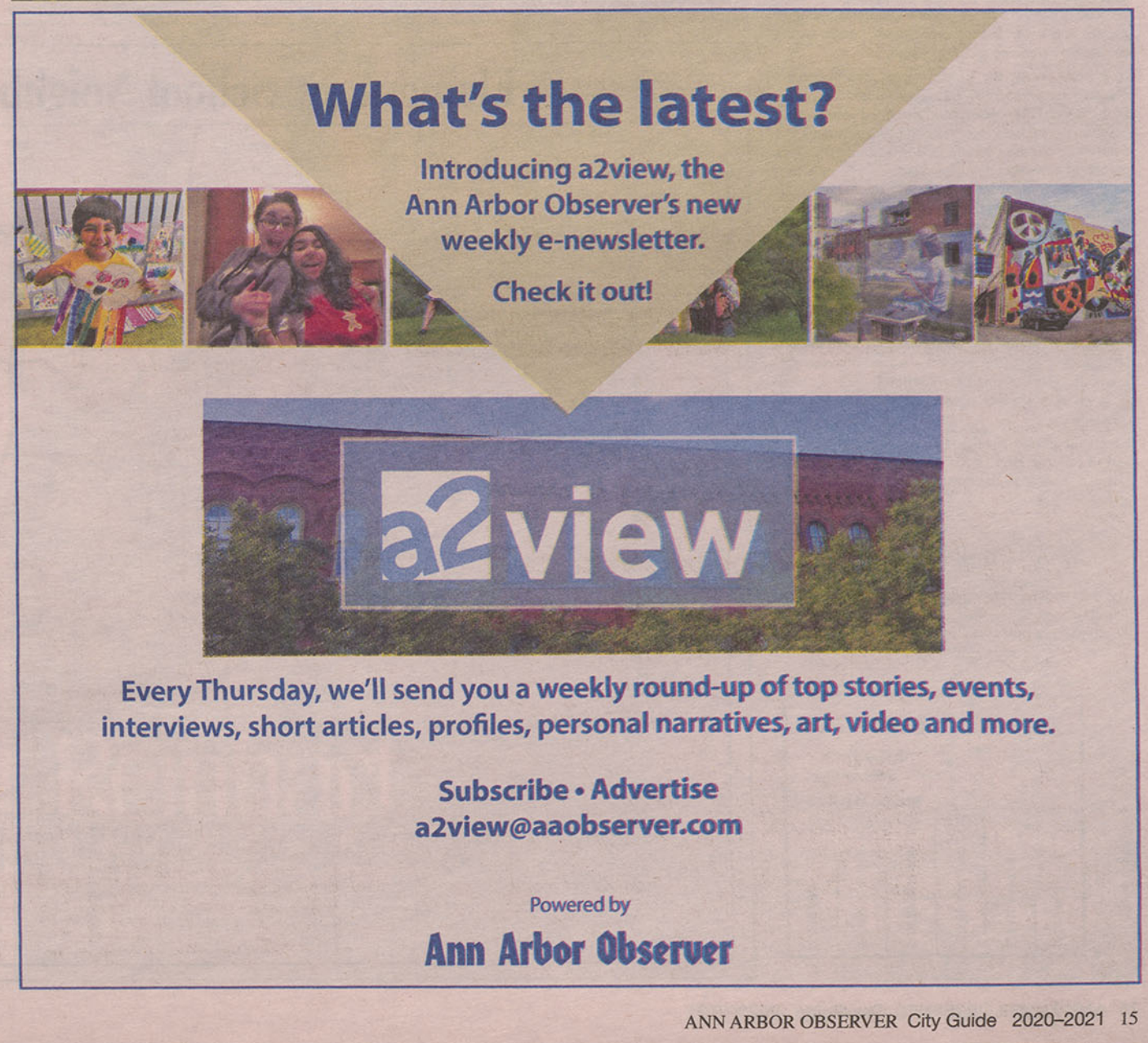
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Neighborhoods

Las Vegas Park has a soccer field and playground; and Greenview Park, on the west side of Seventh St., provides a natural retreat for dog walkers and picnickers.

On former croplands southwest of I-94 and north of Scio Church, the Ravines and Meadowinds subdivision went up at the turn of the century; they have amenities like tennis courts and playgrounds. Also north off Scio Church near Maple, the 76-unit luxury Kensington Woods condominium community forms one sweeping circle. West of Upland Dr., the 1990s-era Uplands offer slightly larger brick and wood residences, often with decks.

Kids are bused to Dicken from the 368-unit Woodchase Apartments off Scio Ridge Rd. Closer to the school are Surrey Park, with 176 ranch-style prefab units, and the older, 312-unit Park Place.

Neighborhood arteries including Stadium, Scio Church, Pauline, and Liberty all have marked bike lanes.

Dicken School's walkscore.com rating is 55. Homes north of there, as well as the Surrey Park, Park Place, Summit View, Walden Hills, and Walden Village complexes are close to shopping centers, restaurants, gas stations, and the many stores along Maple and Stadium.

Dicken students go on to attend Slauson Middle School and Pioneer High School.

EBERWHITE

Located on the former property of Eber White, an early settler who helped fugitive slaves escape to Canada, this neighborhood has a mix of homes of different eras, all within a few blocks of Eberwhite Woods, one of the city's most beautiful, secluded natural areas.

The school and its grounds were carved out of the southeast corner of the oak-hickory woods in 1950, adjoining a neighborhood of broad, hilly, tree-lined streets and predominantly two-story homes built between the world wars. In the 1960s, subdivisions wrapped around the south and west edges, but the woods have remained safe from development, nurtured by a school-based stewardship group. They have walking trails, a profusion of spring wildflowers, and 3 ponds, 1 of which lies in a natural amphitheater and is the site of cacophonous early-spring concerts by frenzied spring peepers.

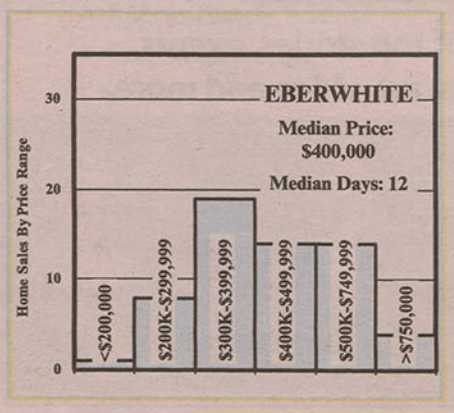
North of Liberty, the Virginia Park area has many 2-family duplexes and Cape Cods. Behind the strip of commercial businesses and fast-food joints along Stadium is a mixed neighborhood of small homes and apartments. South of Pauline, 1950s- and 1960s-era neighborhoods stretch toward Stadium. The only major apartment complexes in the area are the 120-unit Westwood on Liberty, built in the late 1970s, and the older 174-unit Manchester Flats at Pauline and Stadium. The 32-unit subsidized Pauline Apartments replaced an older complex on the same site in 2014. The small Eagle Ridge and Liberty Heights condominiums face each other across Liberty just east of Stadium.

Liberty and Pauline, the major arterials, have marked bike lanes. Eberwhite School's walkscore.com rating is 29. Most of this neighborhood is a long walk from retail, but western areas are close to shopping on Stadium.

Eberwhite graduates all go to Slauson Middle School and to Pioneer High, both within walking distance, except for some in the northern part of the area who attend Skyline.

HAISLEY

The area around Haisley Elementary is a close-knit neighborhood of ranches and 1½-story Cape Cods where parents push tots in strollers to nearby Wel-



The Geers

Kid time and porchtraits

When the Covid quarantine began, countless small businesses began what they hoped would be a short, temporary hiatus. Photographer Jennifer Geer lost or postponed all her appointments and became a full-time stay-at-home mother, supervising school assignments for her three children (ages sixteen, fourteen, and twelve), making puzzles with her kids, and pondering ways to keep her business from imploding.

She came up with the idea of "porchtraits," portraits of families taken from sidewalks in front of their houses, symbolizing their quarantine existence.

At first she worked free, asking friends to bring their families onto their porches to chronicle their new world: husband in shirt and tie "meeting" colleagues on Zoom, wife in a sweatsuit working on her laptop, teenage daughter dressed in PJs phoning friends, son with a basketball in one hand and a game controller in the other, for instance.

The idea caught on, and Geer was back in business—at least in a limited, socially distanced way.

"This is a very scary time—not only for my business, but for worldwide health reasons and for so many people's finances, family life, and employment situation. We're all wondering what the future will hold," Geer says. "But I have to say, I've been very fortunate. I have enjoyed spending extra time with my kids. We've realized all the things we really need and those we can live without."

Ten years ago, she and her now ex-husband moved to Ann Arbor from France with their small children. "At the time, the housing market was crazy. We'd tour a house with our checkbook in hand, but it would already have been sold, often in less than a day." Eventually, they bought a mid-century modern house in Burns Park that reminded them of their home in France: two stories, brick and clapboard, four bedrooms.

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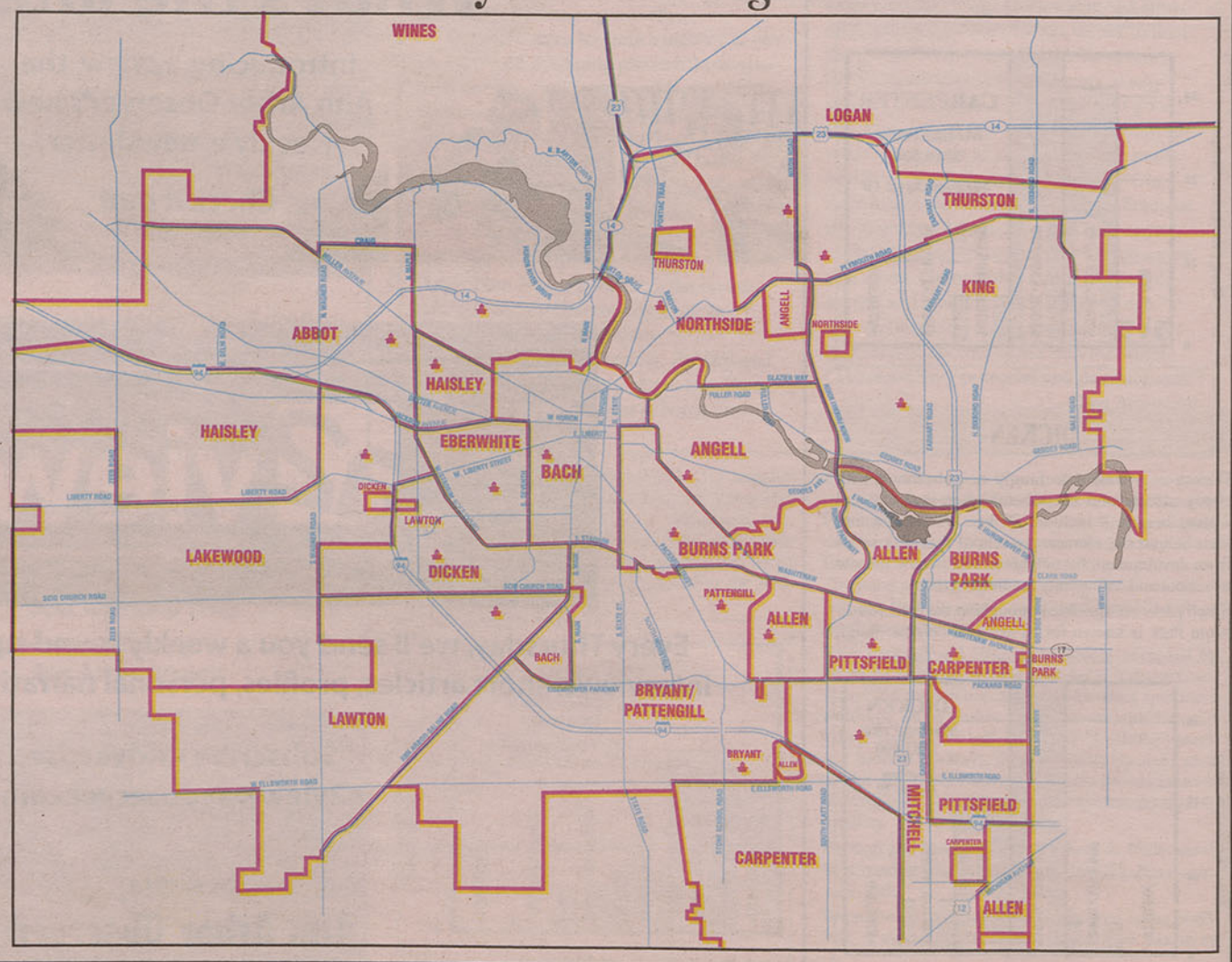
"We got lucky. Burns Park is a fantastic neighborhood. Our kids can walk to school and we can walk to stores and shops and restaurants. We fell in love with this very diverse neighborhood, similar to the Ypsilanti neighborhood where I grew up. We wanted our children to experience different cultures. This area is very family focused. We have block parties and ice cream socials. We care about each other."

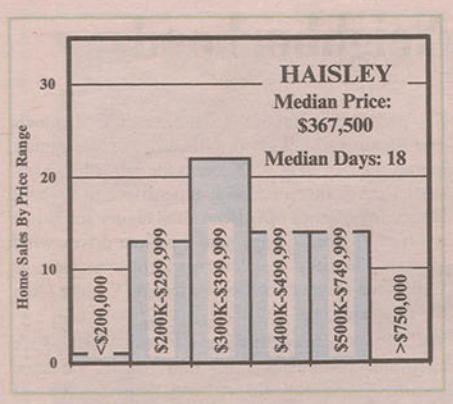
Geer is gradually regaining some postponed photography jobs, but she says she's been very cautious about venturing out of her home. "The world feels incredibly weird now. It's changing the way we're thinking." She's been impressed with the way her children adjusted to the strange new world. "A year ago they would be hanging out at the Racquet Club pool with their friends every day." Instead, her boys enjoy online gaming—"It's a good social outlet." One has started lacrosse practices at Pioneer, while the other participates in Zoom basketball clinics—"The coach sets up all kinds of drills; he's really been clever." Her daughter has enjoyed exploring fantasy worlds in books and "Zoom dances" ballet, jazz, and tap daily, while her mother works out virtually after her morning run.

"I'm definitely worried about the finances, and I'm worried that we'll face another shutdown. But Covid has brought some good things: I love having my kids around me more. We've grown even closer. We've had a chance to relax and enjoy our home. We're spending money differently—and less often, except for groceries. We try to support local restaurants, but shopping has taken on a whole new meaning."

—Cynthia Furlong Reynolds

Elementary School Neighborhoods





lington Park and seniors chat with neighbors on front lawns.

Not far from the school, Miller Nature Area is a hidden pocket of woods. During the summer months, neighbors gather to stay cool at Veterans Memorial Park Pool on Jackson near Maple. At the park, the evenings come alive with the crack of bats and the sound of wild cheering as ball teams compete. All ages of rollerblading and skateboarding enthusiasts enjoy the 30,000-square-foot, world-class Ann Arbor Skatepark that is free for the public to use at the northwest corner of the park. In the winter, children slide down the steep hills behind the indoor skating rink.

Outside the beltway in Scio Township, kids are bused in from the new developments along Jackson. West of Zeeb is the still-growing Trailwoods subdivision off Staebler. Big-box stores, light industry, and restaurants pack the corridor, providing a commercial node for the condos and subdivisions, in line with the township's plan to concentrate development there and try to preserve rural character elsewhere.

Arbor Chase, a 96-unit new condominium development, and the 171-home Arbor Pointe subdivision sit back from Zeeb behind the Meijer on Jackson. The Polo Fields, off Zeeb north of Liberty, is a classic late 20th-century subdivision, with imposing homes clustering around a golf course and country club. Beyond, Scio's dirt roads are dotted with individual country houses, large and small.

Apartments on Zeeb include the Cambridge Club, with 108 1- and 2-bedroom units, and the 106-unit Scio Village, which has its own nature preserve; the 144-unit Lakestone is hidden away off Parkland behind the Jackson business strip. Haisley also serves the three cohousing complexes south of Jackson, and part of the huge Scio Farms manufactured housing community.

The portions of the neighborhood within the city of Ann Arbor are served by bike lanes on Dexter and Miller. Jackson Rd. has a bike path from Maple Rd. to Huron St.

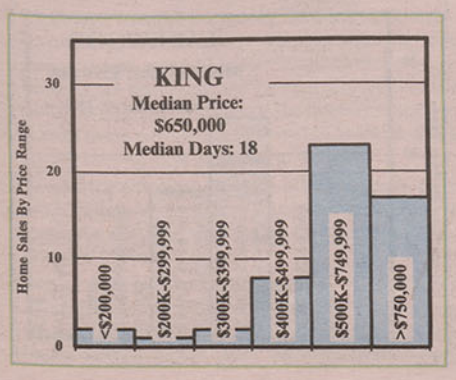
Haisley Elementary's walkscore.com rating is 47, and the suburban sections of this neighborhood, clustered around Jackson and Zeeb shopping, are actually more walkable than the older parts in the city.

Haisley draws from 2 separate areas: the compact neighborhood around the school and the newer subdivisions between Liberty and I-94 in Scio Township. Students in the older neighborhood can choose Forsythe or Slauson middle school; elsewhere, all attend Forsythe. Both areas are Skyline High turf.

KING

Nestled in an upscale, woodsy 1960s subdivision on the northeast side, King Elementary draws students from both sides of US-23 and is known for its diverse international population with families at the school representing more than 25 countries. The winding streets north of Glazier offer colonial, ranch, and tri-level homes. Young families, retirees, and single people live in King's mature subdivisions and apartment buildings. On the hilly terrain south of Glazier are contemporary custom-built homes on big lots in natural settings, with neatly landscaped townhouses and condominiums along Huron Pkwy.

East of US-23 is a growing area of low-density development with prime freeway access and of-



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fice parks. Off Dixboro Rd. are Radrick Meadows and Fleming Creek, both with large single-family homes. Farther east, off Gale, is the retreatlike Matthaei Farm community, with expensive custom-built homes. Woodlands of Geddes Glen luxury sub is just north of Geddes. To the south, private drives wind away to carefully isolated riverfront mansions, as well as the elegant Towsley Farms and Geddes Glen developments.

The 501-unit GreenBrier and 216-unit Village Park apartment complexes are within walking distance of King. Other students are bused from Arrowwood Hills Cooperative (350 townhouse units) and the 520-unit Haven of Ann Arbor on Dixboro Rd.

Major condominiums and co-ops include the 174-unit Earhart Village, the 103-unit Laurel Gardens along Dixboro Rd., and the 360-unit Geddes Lake on Huron Pkwy.—a resident calls Geddes Lake "an island of affordability" in the city's pricey east side.

Plymouth and Green have bike lanes, and Huron Pkwy. has a well-used sidewalk path. Along US-23 the situation is not quite as good, with Earhart designated a "neighborhood connector." Geddes east of Huron Pkwy. is dangerous for both cyclists and pedestrians.

King School has a meager walkscore.com rating of 5. Except for those living close to Plymouth and Green, residents of this area drive or bike for shopping.

Clague Middle School and Huron High serve the entire King area.

LAKEWOOD

Nature's sounds still win out over the roar of nearby Jackson Rd. and I-94 in much of west-side Lakewood. Named for its First Sister and Second Sister Lakes and woods around Dolph Park, this neighborhood includes a mix of housing styles.

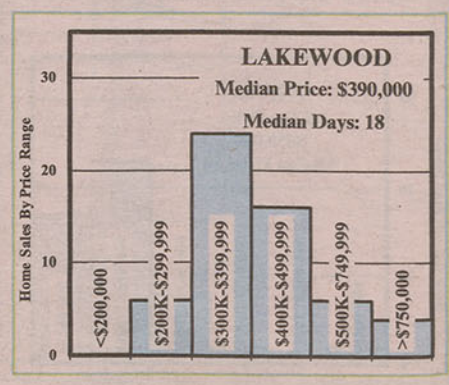
South of the school, off Liberty, the Burr Oak subdivision dates from the 1980s. The Lakewood area stretches far west into southern Scio Township and northern Lodi Township, where scattered big houses on park-size lawns intermix with the remaining farms, with their rustic barns on stone foundations, split-rail or white picket fences, and occasional horse pastures and stables.

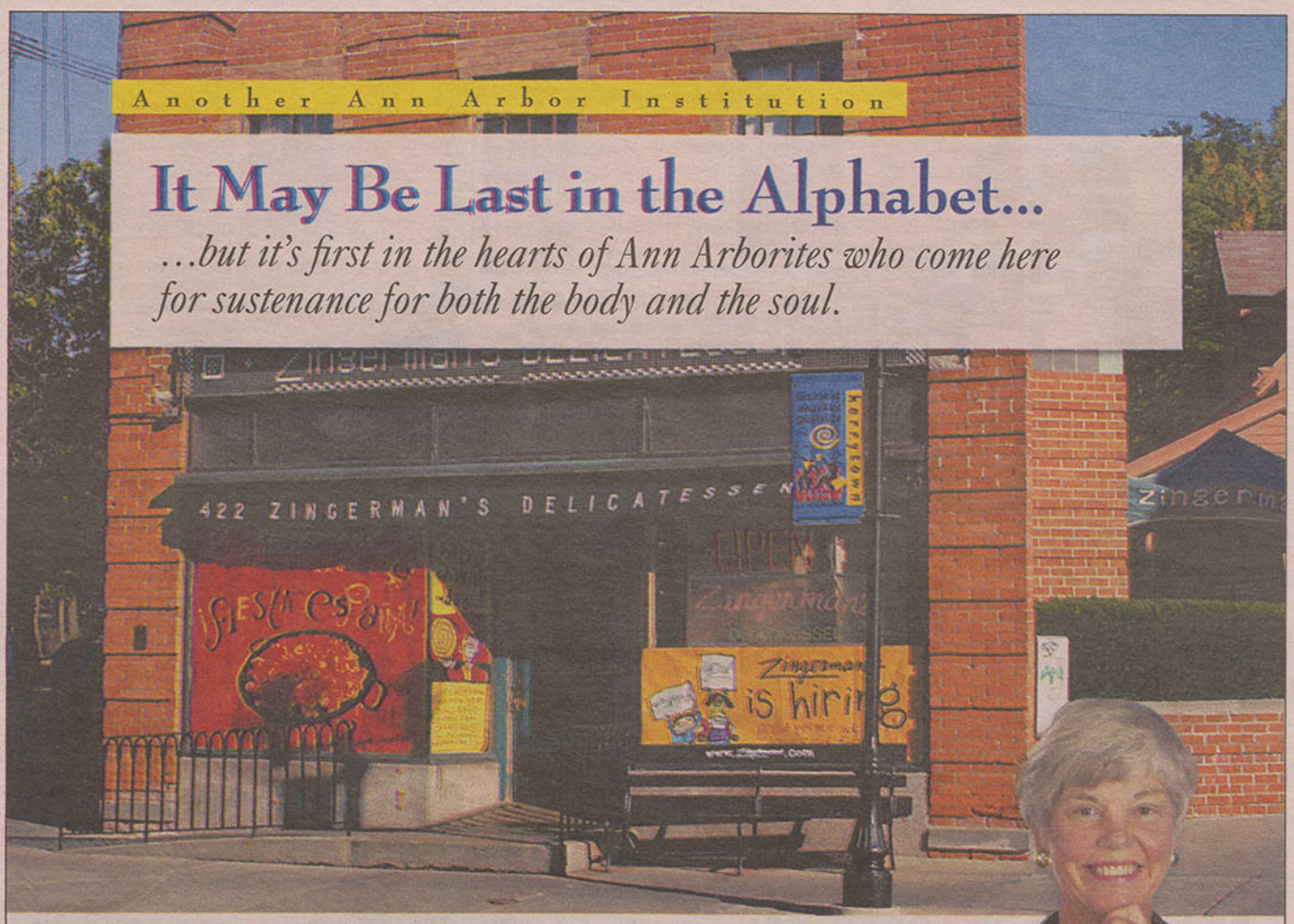
Expensive newer homes include a cluster on Tessmer off Waters, where houses are separated by fields of wildflowers, in Pheasant Hollow on Scio Church east of Zeeb and across the street on Encore. To the west are Riding Oaks Estates, and Sandy Creek, with 3-to-6-acre home sites and equestrian trails.

The established Country French Estates in the Lakewood area's northwest corner has recently been joined by two newer subs within easy walking distance of shopping along Jackson Rd. South along Zeeb the few houses have stately trees and huge yards with swing sets, decks, and patios. East of Zeeb is Arbor Meadows, with stonework facades and landscaped lawns. In Saginaw Hills Estates off Liberty, modern brick and stone homes and decks rise above impressively large landscaped lawns.

Condominiums are concentrated around Liberty near Scio Ridge Rd. On the north side of the road, the 1980s-vintage Liberty Pointe and Liberty Oaks offer 65 detached ranches and 114 townhouses, respectively. Across the street is the 130-unit Summerfield Glen; the 2000s-era Walnut Glen and Walnut View off Scio Ridge Rd. add another 152 condos between them. Affordable housing is provided by the 290-lot Orchard Grove manufactured home community on Wagner. Farther east at Liberty and Maple, the now complete Blue Heron Townhomes nestle in woods around a pond, while others in the sprawling new development front Liberty.

Jackson has a marked bike lane running into central Ann Arbor (jog west to Washington at Revena), and Liberty and Zeeb both have lanes.

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The Piluttis

The allure of the front porch

Graphic artist/illustrator/author Deb Pilutti spent the early quarantine days organizing and clearing out her basement, creating a larger studio for her artwork. But the porches, not the basements, initially attracted her family to the Eberwhite neighborhood.

"We came here by accident," Pilutti says. "We lived a half mile away and we often walked downtown to Washtenaw Dairy. When we passed this street, we admired the front porches and the way the neighbors were always out socializing."

In 1994, they moved into a charming circa-1928 house with a big front porch in the post-World War I neighborhood. "Our decision to move didn't affect my husband's commute [Tom is a Ford engineer in Dearborn], but we decided this was the way we wanted to live," she says. "It turned out to be a great place to raise a family and participate in Ann Arbor's rich downtown life."

Now that the children have scattered to D.C. and San Francisco, the Piluttis occasionally discuss downsizing, but they aren't ready to pack. "We like to walk with a purpose—and we can easily walk to the library, Michigan Theater, the restaurants and bars and bookstores downtown. That's reason enough to stay."

Trained in graphic design at Purdue, Pilutti worked in Chicago and St. Louis before moving to Ann Arbor so her husband could attend grad school. She created the website for Ann Arbor-based olliebollen.com, becoming a partner and designing some of the toys and children's products it sold. But she dreamed of combining her love of reading with her passion for illustrating.

A chance encounter with children's writer Nancy Shaw led her to membership in the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Then a mutual friend introduced her to a local manuscript critique group for children's writers. She dipped her toe in the waters of children's publishing, juggling painting with her freelance graphic design assignments. And then one day she told herself she had to treat children's books as a full-time job—"but it was definitely a leap of faith to go out on my own."

Her ideas come in myriad ways. She grins and explains, "It's a very messy process that involves a lot of staring and thinking." Her books often start with random sketches and doodles, until one catches her eye and inspires a story. "I ask questions and explore topics I like or think are funny. I'm often drawn to the idea of unlikely friendships."

The results? Eight books and two awards: she was a finalist for the Michigan Great Reads Great Books Award (for *The Secrets of Ninja School*) and won the International Picture Book Show Award (for *Idea Jar*).

Covid-19's lockdown gave her the time and energy to create a basement studio, but Pilutti says she's not sure how being at home all the time will affect her career or the publishing industry. "My days haven't changed remarkably, except my husband now works at home. And," she adds, smiling again, "before the quarantine, much of my staring was done in coffee shops.

"We'll see changes in publishing after this, I'm sure. But one thing will remain the same: we still need stories. Lots of stories. Good stories."

—Cynthia Furlong Reynolds

Lakewood Elementary, buried at the back of the subdivision, has a walkscore.com rating of 43, but many homes in the original Lakewood area are within walking distance of shopping at Jackson and Maple. Scio Township subdivisions are likely to require driving.

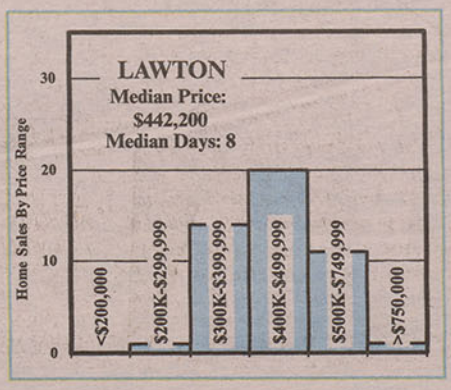
Lakewood students who live north of Liberty go on to Forsythe and Skyline High; those who live south go to Slauson and Pioneer.

LAWTON

Street after street of handsome colonials, well-manicured lawns, and cul-de-sacs with sports-playing kids make the area around Lawton Elementary feel more like a suburb than a city. The Lawton area includes established neighborhoods inside the freeway ring, newer ones to the southwest in Pittsfield Township, and a section of rural Lodi Township to the west.

Around the school itself, south of Scio Church, there are a variety of split-levels and colonials. Farther south, the simple 2-story homes on Northbrook date from the 1980s.

Across I-94 in Pittsfield Township, the 1990s-era Arbor Creek and Boulder Ridge subdivisions hug the west side of the freeway, tucked behind the Oak Valley Centre. Arbor Creek provides large 2-story cul-de-sac homes with tidy lawns. The Colonial-style Boulder Ridge has a play park, and the two subdivisions share a common area with a walking path. The 192-unit Centerra Pointe townhouse apartments sit tightly clustered on 18 acres along Oak Valley, across from Boulder Ridge and Arbor Creek, and the new Uptown apartments at Ann Arbor–Saline and Oak Valley offer configurations from 1 to 3 bedrooms, lofts, and townhomes. The 217-unit Meadowbrook Village apartments off Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. date from the late 1980s.



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South of Waters is the Hawthorne Ridge subdivision, whose 2-story homes boast big garages and vaulted brick entranceways. Beyond the Lake Forest Golf Club lie small brick ranches, 2-story houses, and open fields; homes are set far back down long driveways.

Farther west, Lodi Township still has active farms, including a few horse farms. Along Wagner are older country homes with vegetable gardens and big yards with lots of trees, and sometimes a tractor or dilapidated barn.

Students are bused to Lawton from the Pinelake Village Cooperative, a 1960s-vintage federal project on S. Maple with 129 townhouses.

Scio Church Rd. has a marked bike lane, and Ann Arbor–Saline out to Oak Valley has either sidewalk paths or a bike lane (the latter for the difficult I-94 bridge).

Lawton School has a walk score of just 11. This is another area in which suburban sections are actually more walkable than those in the city: many subdivisions near Ann Arbor–Saline and Oak Valley are close to Meijer and other stores and restaurants south of I-94.

All students go to Slauson Middle School and Pioneer High.

LOGAN

Tree-lined Traver Blvd., on the city's northeast side, is home to Logan Elementary, with condos and apartments across from the school and quiet streets of well-kept colonials leading to the aptly named Placid Way Park behind the school.

This is the largest elementary school area in the district, stretching out from the city into portions of Ann Arbor, Northfield, Salem, and Superior townships. The area is ethnically diverse, with one of the highest concentrations of Asian Americans in the city. Many people have settled on this side of town for its convenient access to metropolitan Detroit.

Subdivisions are located off Dhu Varren, including the 1990s vintage Foxfire and Dhu Varren Park. Off Nixon Rd., the former 109-acre Nixon Farm is rapidly being developed. North Oaks' 472 townhomes and "villas"—clusters of attached condos—are taking on residents both north and south of Dhu Varren, with new buildings under construction. East of Nixon at M-14, the 282-unit Owl Creek apartments are now renting.

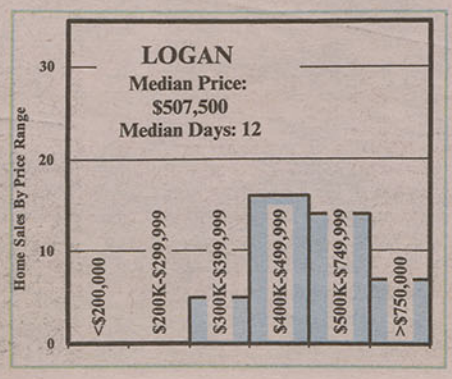
The small Plymouth Road Mall and Traver Village offer stores and restaurants. Logan school itself is surrounded by modest single-family homes and the 210-unit Traver Ridge apartment complex.

The Logan area stretches north of US-23 and M-14. Beyond the reach of public sewer and water, homes here are on large lots of 2 acres or more. The area on and around Warren Rd. offers modest homes with lots of acreage on dirt roads. In the Pine Brook Estates subdivision off Gleaner Hall, north of Pontiac, homes cluster on 1-acre lots around a 22-acre common area that includes several ponds. The new Northbrooke Estates sub offers large homes (3,800 square feet and up) off Nixon, and the 100-home Tanglewood community, south of M-14 and east of Dixboro, features multistory contemporary homes on large lots.

Logan serves some students from the Arrowwood Hills Cooperative, as well as families in the 475-unit Willowtree complex across from North Campus. Off Huron Pkwy. are the 100-unit Ironwood Place apartments and Parkway Meadows, whose 212 units are targeted at low-income residents and seniors. Nearby are the 88 Traver Lakes condos. .

City portions of this area are well-supplied with bike infrastructure leading to the U-M's North Campus, with marked lanes on Nixon and Dhu Varren.

Logan School's walkscore.com rating is 23, and except near Plymouth most areas here are car dependent.



From Logan, students go on to Clague Middle School. Those living east of Nixon go to Huron High; the rest attend Skyline

MITCHELL

The paired Mitchell Elementary and Scarlett Middle schools adjoin the 427 affordable townhouses of the Colonial Square Cooperative and nearby modestly priced ranches and colonials. The schools' extensive playfields and the neighboring Scarlett-Mitchell Nature Area, with its branching trails and pond, are a magnet for residents of the southeast side neighborhood.

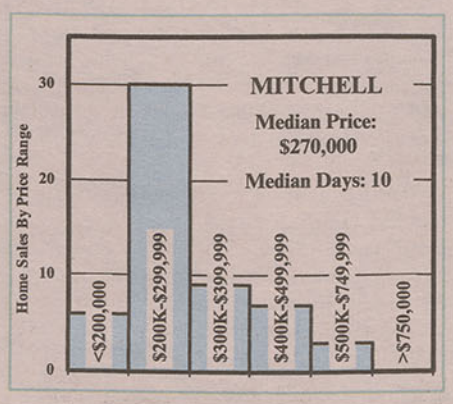
This area includes the neighborhoods straddling Platt Rd. south of Packard and winds its way as far southeast as the intersection of Carpenter and Merritt.

Young families find the neighborhood near the school appealing: the prices are modest for Ann Arbor, and schools and a variety of interesting ethnic markets are nearby. In addition to Colonial Square there are 3-bedroom ranches and a few 2-story colonials on modest lots on both sides of Platt. The 210-home Turnberry subdivision on Packard just west of US-23 is slightly more expensive and caters to an older crowd. Farther south in Pittsfield Township are the Oakengates and Willow Pond subdivisions, set amid older individual homes on large lots, and Arbor Meadows, a 408-lot manufactured-housing community. These communities have Ypsilanti mailing addresses, are administratively part of Pittsfield Township, but children attend Ann Arbor schools.

Platt between Packard and Ellsworth has a marked bike lane; Packard has a sidewalk path. Most sections of Carpenter south of Ellsworth have marked lanes.

Walkscore.com gives Mitchell School a score of just 17, but sections of the neighborhood are close to Packard shopping and the Carpenter Rd. Kroger.

All Mitchell children go on to Scarlett Middle School and Huron High.



NORTHSIDE

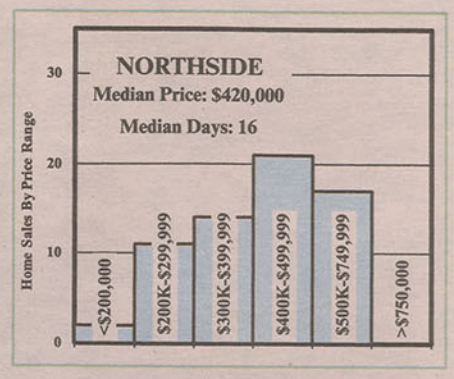
An eclectic mix of homes—including some of the city's oldest—fills this neighborhood northeast of downtown. The former Northside Elementary is now a magnet school, A2STEAM. A community center draws neighbors to its steps and baseball players to Northside Park's fields behind the school.

Just north of the Huron River, Lower Town has some of the city's oldest surviving houses such as the Beckley House, built in New England Georgian style, at the corner of Pontiac and Argo. It was once a stop on the Underground Railroad, and schoolchildren used to take field trips there to imagine where the slaves hid.

Rising northward from the river, the Broadway neighborhood combines rental housing with older single-family houses on large, well-kept lots on and near Cedar Bend, a street that offers spectacular views of the Huron River valley and leads down a rutted path to Cedar Bend Nature Area. Many older homes have been rehabilitated, and the area has become more popular with families who have young children. Rentals, including the vast new Beekman on Broadway complex promised to open August 15, 2020, attract U-M hospital workers.

In the established, low-key, well-integrated neighborhood off Pontiac Tr., neighbors fix their cars, children play tag in the streets, and retirees sit in rockers on the porch. Longshore is a quiet road tracing the top of the bluff above the river. A popular boardwalk along Barton provides pedestrian access to Bandemer Park and combines with a bicycle path to complete a walking and biking loop around Argo Pond.

Farther up Pontiac Tr., the brick Cape Cods off Brookside and Skydale in the Huron Highlands area are home to families, retirees, and singles. The new North Sky subdivision features stately brick one- and two-story homes on sizable lots. Off Dhu Varren, Leslie Park Circle's newer midsize homes offer easy access to its namesake park, with its golf course and



nature area. With Leslie and Olson Park, at Dhu Varren and Pontiac, Northside offers some of the largest recreation spaces in the city. At the edge of town, the 350 townhouses of the Arrowwood Hills Cooperative, the city's largest, rest on 44 landscaped acres; this complex, too, offers easy access to nature areas, and a bus line is at the front entrance. Farther out still in Ann Arbor Twp., the North Sky development on the west side of Pontiac Tr. has broken ground and is selling.

The area south of Plymouth and west of Huron Pkwy. is dominated by the U-M's North Campus, a mixture of classroom and research buildings, residence halls, and rental apartments and townhouses for students and staff. Students also are abundant in the 160-unit Parc Pointe, the 84-unit Broadview, and the 130-unit Highlands apartments, on either side of Plymouth at the top of the Broadway hill. East of Broadway, the new Courtyards targets its 1-to-4-bedroom units exclusively at students, with individual leases and amenities like free wireless and outdoor party spaces. Farther from campus, Traver Knoll's 216 units draw a more diverse population.

More apartments cluster along the Huron River including Island Dr., with 348 units, and Medical Center Court, with 201. The 128 Shoreview townhouses off Pontiac Tr. include both owner-occupied and rental units. Other condos include the 1960s-vintage Riverhouse, with 128 apartments off Island Dr., the 62-unit Nielsen Square on Maiden Lane, and the 112-unit Northside Glen, at Pontiac and Dhu Varren, both built around the turn of the century.

These areas near the U-M's North Campus are well supplied with bike lanes and paths on Broadway, Pontiac Tr., Dhu Varren, and parts of Plymouth.

Northside School has a walk score of 31, and walkability here depends on proximity to Plymouth Rd. shopping; student renters are better off than homeowners.

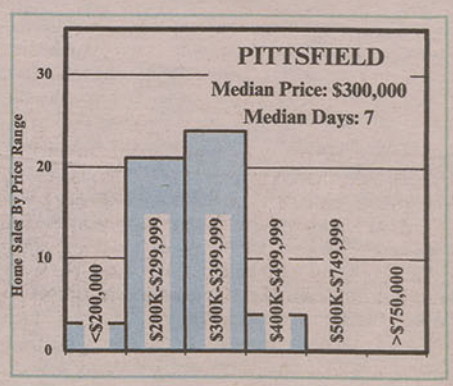
Northside is in the Clague Middle School and Skyline High areas, except for North Campus, where children are bused to Tappan and then go to Huron High. Some Arrowwood Hills students are bused to Thurston Elementary.

PITTSFIELD

Pittsfield is unique among Ann Arbor neighborhoods in being anchored by a condo complex. Laid out in 1943, the 422-unit Pittsfield Village Condominiums feature winding streets and sweeping parklike common yards on a total of 64 acres, housing a mix of seniors and families. The many children in the adjoining Forestbrooke area enjoy a neighborhood pool and swim club. Forestbrooke and the nearby Darlington subdivision, which have ample yards, contain Sheffler Park and the Rosebud Nature Area.

The established, affordable neighborhoods that make up the Pittsfield school area are surrounded by commercial strips lined with big box stores, fast-food chains, and a variety of international shops that serve a diverse population.

Block after block of small starter homes surround the school. Kids also are bused from the shady streets of the 1960s-era neighborhood off Golfside between Woodside and Ellsworth. The Silverleaf subdivision near Golfside and Ellsworth is composed mostly of 2-story homes. The University Palisades subdivision



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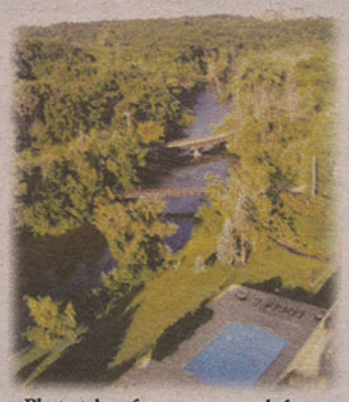

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COURTESY OF THE LONDONS

The Londons

Observing the Play at Home order

It isn't the summer the Londons expected. Scarlett and Malcolm planned to go to Interlochen--not the Michigan arts camp, but a Jewish summer camp in Wisconsin with the same name. Instead Malcolm, a sixth grader at Forsythe, is "re-creating the camp in Minecraft," he says. He calls the virtual camp, a joint project with a cousin, "interblocken."

Scarlett, a sophomore at Community, took driver's ed virtually—well, the part that doesn't involve getting on the road. She misses going to the Randazzo Dance Studio; the family struggled to find an appropriate floor in their home for her to practice pliés and relevés without slipping.

Lauren has never been busier. As general counsel at EMU, she helped make quick life-and-death decisions to deal with Covid-19 on campus. "My stress level was extremely high," she says, adding that working from home has meant learning to divide time for work and home life. "I've become more intentional about separating them," she says.

President of Penny Seats Theatre Company—which presents plays in West Park in better summers—Lauren also has been organizing virtual staged readings each month. It's not the same as directing the summer musical, but it's nice not to have to check weather reports constantly to see if performances can go on as scheduled.

Zach, a neurologist at Michigan Medicine, didn't expect to be decked out in PPE, treating Covid-19 patients in March and April—or to be treating all his outpatients virtually. Zach trained to do video visits over a year ago, when Michigan first offered them to patients who didn't need full examinations. There were no takers. When the pandemic hit, that was the only method offered to most. Now that in-person visits are optional again, more than half his patients prefer virtual visits.

With all the things you can't do when there's a stay at home order, what can you do? The Londons issued a Play at Home order. "We would play as many board games as we had or could get, and the adults and kids would review them," says Zach, who initiated the project. Scarlett created a website ranking them all (with breakdowns for kids' and adults' scores).

The Londons also used this time to rediscover the neighborhood they've enjoyed since 2006. "We always turn on the same street," says Malcolm, who now joins his family on walks and bike rides in random directions. Recently they went down what they thought was a residential street and found piles of gravel and trucks—Arbor Valley Tree Service was there.

Zach, who worked at home two out of three weeks in April and May, says the upside to all this is "getting connected more as a family."

And Lauren reveals big news: "We decided to expand our family," she says.

But not in the way you might think: they will adopt a puppy in the fall.

—Davi Napoleon

off Ellsworth closer to Carpenter offers ranches, colonials, and split-colonials.

Pittsfield also draws students from the 336-unit Ridgewood Apartments on Carpenter and the adjacent 121-unit Coachville mobile home community; the boyhood home of Iggy Pop, it now has a significant immigrant presence.

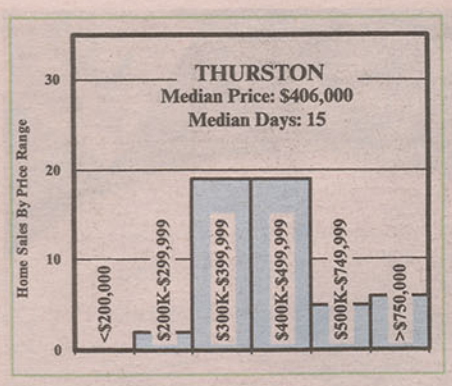
Packard has a sidewalk bike path along the southern edge of the neighborhood, running toward downtown. Pittsfield School, in the neighborhood's center, has a walkscore.com rating of 63, and most homes would be higher, with a variety of shopping on both Washenaw and Packard close by for most.

Pittsfield students attend Scarlett Middle School and Huron High.

THURSTON

Northeast-side Thurston Elementary is surrounded by a pond, a prairie, and a nature area, and its 1960s-era ranches and colonials are filled with families who walk to school and the neighborhood pool and parks via nature trails and sidewalks. Older neighborhoods comprise a well-manicured mixture of subdivisions, condominiums, townhouses, and apartment complexes.

Business professionals, U-M faculty and staff, children, and retirees all mix in this diverse area. The single-family subdivisions west of Green were first known as Ford Motor Company neighborhoods, for their high commuter population with US-23 nearby. Young families are very much in evidence. The neighborhoods are fairly stable, with an extremely



high rate of home ownership. Many children live within walking distance of school, and shopping at Traver Village and Plymouth Road Mall is just a stone's throw away.

The hamlet of Dixboro, along Plymouth Rd. at the western edge of Superior Township, has a small core of historic homes. The Thurston area continues deep into the township, where exclusive subdivisions are mixed in with old and new country homes on huge lots with views of the remaining farms. Some homes in the Glennborough sub off Gale have sold for more than $1.5 million.

The 480-unit Windmere Park apartments are near the school; some students also are bused from the 350-unit Arrowwood Hills Co-op.

The Chapel Hill condos, east of Green, have a fairly high turnover, as U-M graduate students, staff, and foreign visitors come and go from 425 townhouses. The newer, 291-unit Barclay Park complex is nearby.

Marked bike lanes on recently striped Nixon and Green funnel residents to shopping areas and U-M facilities.

Thurston Elementary has a walk score of 56, and homes in the area, with the exception of the big new apartment and condo complexes by M-14, are at least a brisk walk away from shopping.

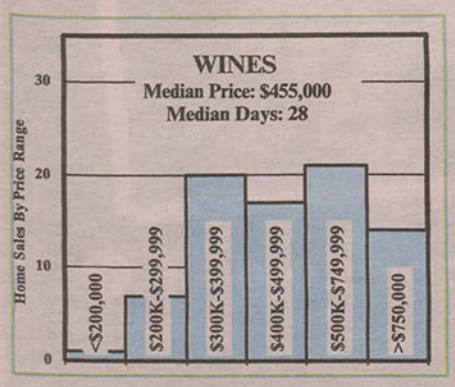
Thurston students attend Clague Middle School and Huron High.

WINES

As Newport Road climbs north to the Wines Elementary area, just south of M-14 on the city's northwest side, broad and rambling roads offer some of the best views in the city and a wide range of housing styles, encompassing everything from modest subdivisions in Ann Arbor to secluded luxury homes in Barton Hills and rural residential hideaways in the townships of Ann Arbor, Scio, and Webster. A mix of retired and young families live among lofty hills in houses ranging from Cape Cods and colonials near Hunt Park to dramatic contemporaries on Orkney; all have easy access to both Bird Hills Nature Area and Bluffs Park. The city calls this the Sunset neighborhood, but a now-defunct neighborhood music festival popularized a new name for the older part of it: Water Hill.

West of Newport, young parents mix with grandparents on quiet streets of single-family ranches and Cape Cods tucked behind the sports fields of Forsythe Middle School, which shares a large, open campus with Wines.

M-14 divides the middle-class city neighborhoods to its south from some of the most exclusive terrain in the Ann Arbor area. As Newport moves north from the freeway, it passes through late 20th-century subdivisions filled with family-minded professionals and business executives—Walnut Ridge, Newport Hills, and Newport Creek. Farther north, modern dream houses perch on the wooded slopes and stare out across the Huron River at the mansions of Barton Hills in a duel of extravagance. Barton Hills, one of Michigan's wealthiest communities, is legally a village, but its streets and shared facilities are owned by the homeowners' private association, which limits access to residents and their guests. Most of the village's first homes, often of English Tudor or cottage style, were constructed during the 1930s. Architect-designed mid-century modern houses followed in the 1950s and 1960s. Recently, many homes have been extensively renovated—or torn down and replaced with larger contemporary structures.



The Wines district continues west along Miller almost to Zeeb and far north into Webster Township, where country homes sit on large lots. Multiple-family housing is represented by the Newport West Condominiums, whose 103 units are carefully designed to maximize privacy and views of neighboring Bird Hills Nature Area.

With a marked bike lane on Miller and part of Newport (one way northbound, only to M-14), and suggested bike routes on Sunset and Newport north of M-14, this is a bike-friendly area.

Wines School has a walk score of just 9; few homes in this area are within walking distance of any kind of shopping.

Wines grads go on to Forsythe Middle School and Skyline High.

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"It is not only supporting families. It's partnering with them and letting families know that we want to provide programs that they will absolutely love," she says.

One of CLN's oldest and largest programs is called Staying in Closer Touch. Dozens of volunteers help incarcerated parents choose a book to read aloud and record. This video is then sent to their child, who experiences the happiness of being read a bedtime story by their parent.

Covid-19 shut down jail and prison visits, further distancing incarcerated parents from their children. CLN is working on a project where incarcerated moms write letters to their children. Durant hopes to combine the letters with illustrations by incarcerated artists to create picture books.

Another of Durant's favorite programs is BookPals. Based on the pen pal concept, second graders in Dexter, Ypsilanti, and Ann Arbor choose books for their pal, record themselves reading from it, share the videos, and answer questions about themselves. At the end of the school year, they meet in person—though the 2020 celebration had to be held via Zoom.

"We're connecting children who don't think they have much in common," Durant says. "But once they start to talk to each other, they realize that they're much alike." Durant says some stay in contact with each other even after the conclusion of the program. BookPALS had sixteen volunteers last year and need at least thirty more this year.

Due to Covid-19 school closures, reaching students in need has become a particular challenge. The newly launched Literacy Pack Project jumped in to help. According to CLN program development coordinator Cindy Saper, over 750 families have received packs when they collect emergency food supplies at local community centers and churches, or when these supplies are delivered to their homes. Each pack contains three books, family literacy activities, and registration instructions for CLN's free interactive reading website. The project is staffed by high school volunteers.

"I believe that when children find the positive in themselves and in reading, then all of a sudden, you just see that child blossom," Durant says. "And that for me, that's my true reward. I don't do this for really any other reason."

—Nina Molina

University Living, 2685 S. Main. (734) 669–0155. Age 60 & over. 75 suites. Studios & 1-bedroom; call for prices. Discussion groups, lectures, concerts, involvement with student volunteers from local universities. Laundry, transportation, housekeeping, personal care, 24-hour emergency response, 3 meals a day. Library, beauty/barber shop, fitness center, exercise and yoga classes, and spa. provisionliving.com/locations/ann-arbor **B**

INDEPENDENT LIVING

This list includes affordable senior apartments that provide no services and entry-level continuum-of-care units that provide minimal services. Management companies noted when pertinent.

All Seasons, 4540 Geddes. (734) 887–6494. Slated 2020 opening. One- and 2-bedroom apartments, 2-bedroom cottages. allseasons-annarbor.com

American House Carpenter, 3470 Carpenter, Ypsilanti. (734) 961–4578. Age 55 & over. 102 units. Efficiencies, 1 & 2 bedrooms; call for rates. Full kitchen, personal alarms. Includes 3 daily meals, housekeeping. Hair salon/barber shop, social activities, and programs. Month-to-month leases available. Pets welcome (some restrictions). americanhouse.com

Balfour Ann Arbor, 2830 S. Main. (734) 478–0841. One- and 2-bedroom apartments. Includes housekeeping, meal plan options, more than 200 social and learning opportunities, and more. Indoor pool, fitness center. Pet friendly. jmosier@balfourcare.com, balfourcare.com

Brookhaven Manor Senior Living Community, 401 W. Oakbrook. (734) 747–8800. Fourmidable Management. Age 55 & over. 138 units. 1- & 2-bedroom apartments with full kitchens, $2,700-$3,800 per month, including utilities, weekly housekeeping and laundering of bed and bath linens.Two emergency medical response systems in each apartment, washers & dryers on each floor. Fitness center, daily exercise program, activities and outings. Flexible dining options and carports available. Kennedy Care on site. Pets welcome. info@brookhavenmanorapartments.com, brookhavenmanorapartments.com

Carpenter Place, 3400 Carpenter, Ypsilanti 48197. (734) 973–8377. Preservation Management. Age 62 & over and/or disabled. 151 units, built 1981 & renovated 2005. Income restrictions: 1-bedroom no more than 30 percent of income, includes heat & water. Community room, computer lab, private park, laundry facilities. One dog or one cat 25 lbs. or less allowed with $300 deposit. preservationmanagement.com

Courthouse Square Apartments, 100 S. Fourth. (734) 995–5511. Wickfield Properties. Age 55 & better. 116 units. 1- and 2-bedroom. Call for pricing. Income restrictions apply. Community room, 24-hour emergency response system, library, laundry. Pets allowed. Nonsmoking. kyaroch@wickfieldproperties.com

Cranbrook Tower, 2901 Northbrook Pl. (734) 668–8914. KMG Prestige Inc. Age 62 & over. 202 units, built 1980. Currently a waiting list. 1- & 2-bedrooms. Income restrictions: rent is no more than 30 percent of income, including utilities (except phone and cable). Coin laundry, emergency pull cords. Some pets allowed. cranbrook@kmgprestige.com, kmgprestige.com

Glacier Hills Senior Living Community (The Meadows and Manor Independent Living), 1200 Earhart. (734) 913–0730. Nonprofit continuing care community. Age 62 & over. 1- & 2-bedroom apartments and 2-bedroom villas. Monthly fees vary, and may include utilities (except phone & cable), 1–3 meals a day, linen and housekeeping service, 24-hour call system, scheduled transportation, cultural activities. Call or email for prices. info@glacierhills.org, glacierhills.org

Hillside Terrace Retirement Community—The Orchard Apartments Independent Living, 1939 Jackson. (734) 761–4451. Age 55 & over. 4 studio apartments and 5 1-bedroom suites; call for prices. Daily continental breakfast and choice of lunch or dinner. Weekly housekeeping and linens, satellite TV, Wi-Fi, and all utilities (except phone). Complimentary carports, storage bins, wellness spa and fitness center, hair salon, library, chapel, bi-weekly shopping trips. 24-hour emergency response call system with licensed nurse on site. Cats and dogs allowed. hillsideterrace.net

Lurie Terrace, 600 W. Huron. (734) 665–0695. Community for those age 62 & over. 132 units. High value studios to 2-bedrooms; $588–$1,503/month includes all utilities and 15 weeknight dinners. Library, coin laundry, free Wi-Fi (on 8th floor). Nonsmoking campus. contact@lurieterrace.org, lurieterrace.org

Lynden Parke, 2224 Golfside, Ypsilanti 48197. (877) 231–8046. Peak Living

management. Age 55 & over. 154 units, built 2002. Studios to 2-bedrooms; contact for pricing. Washer & dryer in all units. Small dogs and cats allowed, fees apply. lyndenparke.com

Parkway Meadows, 2575 Sandalwood Circle. (734) 662–5055. KMG Prestige Inc. Age 62 & over or with a disability. 210 units. 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms. Includes water, residents pay electric. Outdoor pool. Income restrictions; rent no more than 30 percent of income. Call for waiting list. Pets allowed, with restrictions. kmgprestige.com

Sequoia Place Elderly Housing, 1131 N. Maple. (734) 669–8840. Samaritas. Age 62 & over. 55 units. 1-bedroom no more than 30 percent of income, includes heat, water, electricity. Computer lab, library, community room & kitchen, exercise program. Can assist residents in applying for external services, but does not offer care. Call for pet policy. fbarr@samaritas.org, samaritas.org/senior-living/locations/ann-arbor **V**

St. Joseph's Village, 5341 McAuley. (734) 712–1600. Independent living. Age 55 & over. 94 1- & 2- bedroom apartments; call for prices. Rent includes dinner, most utilities, and weekly housekeeping. Laundry facility, library, hair salon, transportation, activities, chaplains. trinityseniorsanctuary.org

University Commons, 817 Asa Gray. (734) 332–1221. Age 55 & over. 92 condos, townhouses, and villas. Single residents, or one resident in a couple, must have a 4-year college degree. Lectures, concerts, library, fitness room, wooded site. 2 optional catered meals per month. Contact any Ann Arbor realtor for information on available units. universitycommons.org

University Living, 2865 S. Main. (734) 619–0155. Provision Living Management. Age 60 & over. 75 studios & 1-bedroom apartments; call for prices. Discussion groups, lectures, concerts, involvement with student volunteers from local universities. Laundry, transportation, housekeeping, personal care, 24-hour emergency response, 3 meals a day. Library, beauty/barber shop, fitness center, exercise and yoga classes, and spa. provisionliving.com/locations/ann-arbor

ADULT DAY & RESPITE CARE

Area Agency on Aging 1-B. (800) 852–7795. Information about, and referrals to services for older adults and persons with disabilities, and family members. Also answers Medicare and Medicaid questions. jjarvis@aaa1b.com, aaa1b.com

Foster Grandparents Program (Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development). (734) 544–3040. Senior volunteers age 55 and older work with children and youth in day care centers, Head Start programs, schools, and youth facilities throughout Washtenaw County. Volunteers receive a nontaxable stipend ($2.65/hour), transportation assistance for program-related activities, meals while on duty, orientation and ongoing training, and an annual physical exam. Volunteers must meet low-income guidelines and work a minimum of 20 hours/week. bowerssk@washtenaw.org, washtenaw.org/782/Foster-Grandparent-Program **V**

Housing Bureau for Seniors (Michigan Medicine), 2401 Plymouth #C (Turner Senior Resource Center). (734) 998–9339. Services include coordinating shared housing arrangements, preventing elderly evictions and foreclosures, and counseling about housing options. Referrals to community senior services. Tax preparation program. Annual Senior Living Week has informational workshops, a senior living expo, and tours of senior living communities. Speakers available. Education and outreach. housingbureauseniors@umich.edu, med.umich.edu/seniors **V**

Huron Valley PACE, 2940 Ellsworth, Ypsilanti. (734) 572–5777. Supports seniors 55+ to remain living at home, as independently as possible. Services provided on-site include adult day center activities, primary medical care, coordination of care, medications, medical equipment, physical and occupational therapies, transportation and more. Services also provided in the home. Mon.–Fri. 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. info@hvpace.org, huronvalleypace.org

Meals on Wheels & Senior Café Programs (Office of Community & Economic Development), 415 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. (734) 487–9669. The Meals on Wheels & Senior Café Programs deliver nutritious noontime meals to homes and public places, such as senior centers and churches, for county residents age 60 & over. $3 donation; no one is turned away for inability to pay. $5.50 donation for guests under 60. See website for locations and dates. info@ymow.org, washtenaw.org/796/Senior-Nutrition-Program **V**

New American Club (Jewish Family Services), 2245 S. State, Ste. 200. (734) 769–0209. Social services, activities, and assistance for foreign-born seniors. Intake services in English and Russian. info@jfsannarbor.org, jfsannarbor.org/programs-services/aging-caregiver-support/nac **V**

Partners in Care Concierge (PICC by Jewish Family Services), 2245 S. State, #200. (734) 769–0209. Medical accompaniment and transportation, pairing trained volunteer partners with older adults for support before, during, and after medical appointments and door-through-door, wheelchair accessible transportation. partnersincare@jfsannarbor.org, jfspartnersincare.org

WISE Comfort Line (Jewish Family Services), 2245 S. State, #200. (734) 769–0209. *Service suspended during Covid-19. WISE Comfort Line provides reassurance by phone; email jsinger@jfsannarbor.org to arrange.* Carefully screened volunteers, matched and trained meet once per month, (or more if agreed upon), with older adults in their homes, and participate in activities ranging from playing board games, to sitting and chatting, to taking walks or going on short outings. info@jfsannarbor.org, jfsannarbor.org

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Senior Services (Catholic Social Services), 4925 Packard. (734) 971–9781. Offers a variety of community-based programs to aid the 60+ population including respite, tax assistance, resource advocacy, assistance navigating Medicaid/Medicare, Senior Volunteers, (RSVP), Neighborhood Senior Services, The Oaks adult day program, home maintenance and minor repair services, Grandparents as Parents, (GAP) support groups. csswashtenaw.org (click on Senior Services). **V**

Silver Club Memory Loss Program, 2401 Plymouth #C (Turner Senior Resource Center). (734) 998–9352. Groups for older adults with mild to moderate memory loss, cognitive impairment, or early stages of Alzheimer's. **Mind Works** (Wed.) provides an environment based on mental exercise, memory techniques and community engagement. **Chelsea Coffeehouse** (Mon. at Chelsea Senior Center) is an education, support, and discussion group. The **Elderberry Club** (Tues.) is a group of women come together for discussion, friendship, and creative expression. The **Silver Club Enrichment Program** (Mon.–Fri. 10 a.m.–3 p.m.), for those with moderate memory loss, is a structured, activity-based program. Activities include fitness, art, gardening, games and socialization; lunch included. Prescreening required for all groups. Sliding scale fee. GerMedSilverClub@umich.edu, med.umich.edu/geriatrics/community/silverclub.htm **V**

Turner Senior Wellness Program (U-M Health System), 2401 Plymouth #C (Turner Senior Resource Center). (734) 998–9353. Improves quality of life for older adults and their families by providing health lectures, exercise classes, information about community resources, support groups, technology mentoring, and more. Throughout the building, **Gallery 55+** displays the art of those age 55 & over. Telecoil hearing aid loop in main conference room. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Lunch served Tues. & Fri. noon; $3 donation for those age 65 & over; $5.50 for others. No fees for regular events. See website for calendar. med.umich.edu/geriatrics/community/tswp.htm **V**

Washtenaw Integrated Senior Experience (WISE by Jewish Family Services), 2245 S. State, #200. (734) 769–0209. Provides care management, aging in place services, care coordination, crisis intervention, comfort calls, grocery and meal delivery, support for older adults and their caregivers. info@wisemich.org, jfsannarbor.org/transforming-aging

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Many activities are canceled or limited during Covid-19. Call or email to confirm.

Active Adults at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, 2935 Birch Hollow. (734) 971–0990. Nut-free, vegetarian lunch available for purchase Tues., Wed., and Thurs. at noon (special pricing for age 60+). Exercise, mah-jongg, current events discussions, and more. Chamber ensembles some Mon. afternoons (tickets at A2SO.org), Sun. morning brunch concerts. Third Thurs. Lunch and Learn, film screenings, evening speakers, Fri. Yiddish readers group. jccannarbor.org **V**

Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. (734) 794–6250. Community programs and public or private events to empower and engage older adults. Promotes fitness and activity that improves physical stamina and cognitive functioning. Visit our website for virtual activities and programming. Open Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and Fri. 9 a.m.–2 p.m., Brittany Ruthven, Director, bruthven@a2gov.org, a2gov.org/senior

Elderwise, (734) 340–4691. 4624 Packard (Red Cross Building). Planning online classes in history and politics, art, film, literature, music, current events, environment, technology, and science, with an emphasis on discussion in a welcoming atmosphere; museum tours and theater trips. Classes $15–$45, discounts for members,($30/yr.) elderwiselearning@gmail.com elderwiselearning.org

Mature Ministries, 1432 Washtenaw. (734) 662–4466. Full program of activites for 60-and-up divorced, widowed, or single adults interested in contemporary Christian topics, personal growth, and social activities. Lunch and Learn gatherings on the 2nd Thurs.; Writing Group on the First Thurs.; Fri. dinners out and holiday potlucks. Six times per year, day-long field trips by chartered bus to interesting places including lunch and discussion of the experiences afterwards, and an annual overnight trip to Stratford. Check website for meetings and topics. mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, firstpresbyterian.org **V**

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (U-M), 2401 Plymouth, #C. (734) 998–9351. *Fall 2020 term online.* Volunteer-centered program for people age 50 & over who love learning. Lecture series, study groups, social events, and special programs to enhance quality of life. Membership $20/yr; additional fees for some activities. olli.info@umich.edu, olli-umich.org **V**

Pittsfield Senior Center, 701 W. Ellsworth. (734) 822–2117. Fitness classes, monthly book club, senior café program, and many scheduled activities for adults 55 and older, including cards, painting, bingo, and line dancing. Membership $5 for township residents, $10 for non-residents. Classes in writing, computers, cooking, music and more. Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. seniors@pittsfield-mi.gov, pittsfield-mi.gov/seniors **V**

U-M Kinesiology Community Programs/Lifetime Fitness. (734) 647–2708. Designed for seniors but open to all, in the JCPenney Court in Briarwood Mall, 9–10 a.m. Aerobic exercise and stretching (Mon., Wed., Fri.), chair yoga (Tues.), and Zumba Gold (Thurs.) Free, donation requested. kebwink@umich.edu, kines.umich.edu/lifetime-fitness

Viva Ventures, (734) 747–8785 (Sandy). 2401 Plymouth. Seniors enjoy occasional walks, party games at members' homes, monthly lunches and dinners out. Occasional theater. Hosts annual Christmas party and summer picnic. Meets 3rd Fri. (except June, Aug., and Dec.) 7 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth. Dues $20.

COURTESY MATURE MINISTRIES

Historic sight: undistanced dining at the White Horse Inn in Metamora in 2019, during an outing sponsored by Mature Ministries (Senior Activities).

VOLUNTEERING

Most volunteer programs have been affected by Covid-19. Details noted when provided; call or check websites for current status.

4-H Youth Programs (MSU Extension Washtenaw County), 705 N. Zeeb. (734) 997–1678. Adult role models help at camp, teach a workshop, lead a club, chaperone an event, lend professional skills or help at the fair. Offer young people hands-on guidance and real-world experience for an hour or a year. Submit online form. msue.washtenaw@county.msu.edu, msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/becoming_a_4_h_volunteer

826michigan, 115 E. Liberty (inside Robot Supply & Repair). (734) 761–3463. *Distance learning during Covid-19.* Offers free creative writing workshops and tutoring programs to school-aged students. Volunteer opportunities include after-school tutoring, writing-based workshops and field trips, in-school writing projects, retail store staffing, design projects, and more. Day, evening, and weekend shifts available, at the center downtown, in Ypsilanti and Detroit, and in local schools. courtney@826michigan.org, 826michigan.org/volunteer

All Hands Active, 255 E. Liberty #225. (734) 436–4924. *See website for activities during Covid-19.* Volunteers welcome at this do-it-yourself workshop that provides tools, classes, and workspace to the public. board@allhandsactive.org, allhandsactive.org

Ann Arbor Public Schools Partnership Program. (734) 994–2300 ext. 53245. Volunteer and partnership opportunities for individuals, groups, community organizations and businesses including academ-

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ic assistants, teacher assistants, bilingual assistants, event volunteers, after-school volunteers, youth sports coaches and more. shoren@a2schools.org, a2schools.org/domain/2045

Ann Arbor Summer Festival. (734) 994–5999. Choose from three areas of volunteering interest: Mainstage Ushers, Greeters at Top of the Park, and Festival Footprint Initiative. On-site training for 3-hour shifts. Individual or teams of 6+ welcome. Team benefits: prizes, tickets, and food/drinks. info@a2sf.org, a2sf.org/volunteer-opportunities

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra Volunteers, 35 Research Dr. #100. (734) 994–4801. Opportunities in concert ushering, office support, and education programs. Sign up online. yiching@a2so.com, a2so.com/support/volunteer/

Avalon Housing, 1327 Jones #102. (734) 663–5858. Youth programs: Assist K-8th grade youth with homework, academic enrichment, activities, and meals. Gardening programs: Keep Avalon properties looking great by planting flowers, growing vegetables and cleaning up. In-kind donation drives: collect supplies for clients such as backpacks for youth, winter coats and boots, youth program materials. info@avalonhousing.org, avalonhousing.org/get-involved

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County, 11 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti 48197. (734) 975–0933. Provides young people with opportunities and experiences that help them grow socially, emotionally and academically through a one-to-one mentoring relationship. bbbswashtenaw.org/volunteer.

Children's Literacy Network (CLN), 1100 N. Main. (734) 645–1320. *See article, p. 26.* Volunteers help children ages 0–12 and families through six different programs, with the goal of literacy by the end of grade 3. The Mothers and Babies program increases maternal bonding. The Staying in Closer Touch program brings an incarcerated parent together with a volunteer to make a recording of the parent reading a book which is then given to their child. BookPALS pairs two 2nd-graders who "meet" on a tablet, reading books to each other and conversing about them. Books and supplies provided by CLN. elizabeth@childrensliteracynetwork.org, childrensliteracynetwork.org

Community Action Network. (734) 994–2985. *Check website for new opportunities during the coronavirus.* Volunteer opportunities in five under-resourced Ann Arbor neighborhoods: assisting with food distributions, academic tutoring for students K–12 (during summer and after-school), serving meals to students, and more. volunteers@canannarbor.org, canwashtenaw.org

Community Resource Program (CRP), (Michigan Department of Human Services), 22 Center, Ypsilanti. (734) 481–2000. Volunteer with low-income families, seniors, and the disabled. Mentor youth and provide clerical support. Donation program at Christmas and Thanksgiving. michigan.gov/mdhhs (use Inside MDHHS pull-down menu)

Eversight, 3985 Research Park Dr.. (800) 247–7250. Restores sight and prevents blindness through donation, transplantation, and research. Volunteer opportunities range from administrative tasks to outreach activities to public speaking. eversightvision.org/michigan

Food Gatherers, 1 Carrot Way. (734) 761–2796. Opportunities for individuals, families, and groups available at several locations. volunteer@foodgatherers.org, foodgatherers.org/volunteer

Friends In Deed, 1196 Ecorse, Ypsilanti 48198. (734) 485–7658. Opportunities include answering phones for the help line, office tasks, fundraising, special events, and furniture delivery. Also help with Circles, (734–340–9042), a program designed to lift families out of poverty. Work in children's program, help with weekly meals, or be an ally or resource person to families in poverty. Training provided Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.–noon. office@friendsindeedmi.org, friendsindeedmi.org

Girls on the Run, 3075 Clark #101, Ypsilanti. (734) 712–5640. After-school youth development program for girls in grades 3–8. Ongoing volunteer opportunities include coaching (March-May) and 5k committee (Jan.–May). One-time volunteer opportunities and community participants invited to 5k runs (May); other opportunities throughout the year. info@girlsontherunsemi.org, girlsontherunsemi.org

Home Maintenance and Safety Services (Catholic Social Services), 5361 McAuley (Towsley Health Bldg.). (734) 971–9781, then press 8 for Seniors. Individuals or groups help older adults with seasonal outdoor chores, home repairs, and safety installations. csswashtenaw.org

Jewish Family Services Volunteer Services, 2245 S. State. (734) 769–0209. Matches volunteers with clients, such as friendly visitors, medical accompaniment partners for older adults, language partners for immigrants, and mentors for the unemployed. Volunteers also help with administrative tasks in the office and at events. volunteer@jfsannarbor.org, jfsannarbor.org/volunteer

National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 1169 Oak Valley. (800) 482–1455. Preventing kidney disease and improving the life of those living with it. Volunteers welcome to assist with fundraising events, peer mentoring, kids programs, administrative tasks and outreach. hdemosiuk@nkfm.org, nkfm.org

Offender Success (Catholic Social Services), 4925 Packard. (734) 971–9781. Volunteers help adults newly released from prison with community integration. Training and support provided. Assist active parolees with employment, resume development, and interviewing skills. ddailey@csswashtenaw.org, csswashtenaw.org/bhs/offender-success

Project Grow Community Gardens, P.O. Box 130293, AA, MI 48113. (734) 996–3169. Provides space, education, and inspiration to make organic gardening accessible for all. Volunteer opportunities available for the Compost Education Center, seed swap, plant sale, tomato tasting, classes, and more. volunteer@projectgrowgardens.org, projectgrowgardens.org

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) (Catholic Social Services), 5361 McAuley, Towsley Health Bldg. (734) 971–9781, then press 8 for Seniors. Helps seniors age 55 & over find meaningful volunteer opportunities with local nonprofits, based on their skills, experience, and interests. rsvp@csswashtenaw.org, csswashtenaw.org/rsvp

Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, 312 W. Huron (Robert J. Delonis Center). (734) 662–2829 ext. 233. *Volunteering suspended during Covid-19.* Opportunities include managing flow of clients, front door check-ins, mail sorting, laundry, and other daily tasks. Daily shifts available 6 a.m.–11 p.m. volunteers@washtenaw.org, annarborshelter.org

SOS Community Services, 101 S. Huron, Ypsilanti 48197. (734) 485–8730. Opportunities include helping at the food pantry, assisting in the office, volunteering at special events and more. volunteer@soscs.org, soscs.org/volunteer-3

Ten Thousand Villages, 303 S. Main. (734) 332–1270. Nonprofit fair trade retail shop sells handcrafted items made by artisans in developing countries. Volunteers work as sales associates, inventory helpers, and assist with education and outreach. annarbor@tenthousandvillages.com, tenthousandvillages.com/annarbor

Therapeutic Riding Inc., 3425 E. Morgan. (734) 677–0303. Volunteers age 14 and up help youth and adults with cognitive, physical, and emotional disabilities learn to ride horses. No experience needed. Background check required. info@therapeuticridinginc.org, therapeuticridinginc.org

UMHS Friends Gift Shop. (734) 615–6147. Volunteers work 4 hours per week as cashiers or stock assistants in Michigan Medicine gift shops. Free parking, flexible scheduling. No experience required. friendsofumhs@med.umich.edu, med.umich.edu/friends/involved

UMS Ambassadors. More than 45 volunteers work to increase awareness of and participation in UMS programs through ushering at UMS school-day performances, hosting events, helping UMS staff with projects, and creating partnerships with various U-M and community groups. fohums@umich.edu, ums.org/about/volunteer

United 2 Heal. Collects, organizes, and ships surplus medical supplies and biomedical equipment to poor and disadvantaged regions around the world. Membership open to U-M students; all welcome to volunteer. u2h-exec@umich.edu, u2h.org

United Way of Washtenaw County Volunteer Center, 2305 Platt. (734) 971–8200. *See website for changes during Covid-19.* Largest local listing of volunteer needs, easily connecting individuals and groups with more than 350 volunteer opportunities through more than 200 nonprofit organizations in Washtenaw County. volunteer@uwwashtenaw.org, volunteerwashtenaw.org

Welcoming Michigan. (734) 740–0979. Seeks to build mutual respect among foreign-born and U.S.-born people who call Michigan home. Volunteers may plan projects, put up posters, or tell their story. csauve@michiganimmigrant.org, welcomingmichigan.org/content/get-involved ■

Recreation

Contact for changes during Covid-19.

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Fees, unless otherwise noted, are current as of summer 2020.

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U-M NATURE AREAS

See article p. 32. **Matthaei Botanical Gardens,** 1800 N. Dixboro. (734) 647–7600. The gardens' spacious conservatory has a room with tropical plants, including award-winning orchids and striking bromeliads; a central greenhouse with plants of warm-temperate climates, a bonsai exhibit, and an exhibit of insectivorous plants; and a desert house with a collection of cacti and other desert plants, including several giants that make news with their rare periodic blooms. A formal bonsai garden, medicinal garden, a Great Lakes Garden of native plants, a children's garden, wildflowers, perennials, herbs, and shade-loving and New World plants are found in the gardens outside. The surrounding 350 acres are crisscrossed by walking trails and feature mature woodlands, wetlands, several ponds, and a tallgrass prairie. Outdoor gardens and trails open daily year-round sunrise–sunset. Conservatory and garden shop open seven days a week: Mon., Tues., & Thurs.–Sun. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Wed. 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Summer hours (mid-May through Labor Day): garden shop, conservatory, main building, and display gardens, daily 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Free admission to grounds and conservatory (parking $1.90/hr. for non-members, 8 a.m.–8 p.m.; $5 max per day). mbgna.umich.edu

Nichols Arboretum, 1610 Washington Hts. (734) 647–7600. One of Ann Arbor's most popular spots for more than 100 years, this preserve (part of it owned by the city) occupies 123 acres of land rising dramatically from the Huron River. The forests of the "Arb," crisscrossed by long, winding trails, include tree species from all over the world. Equally treasured are its prairie grasslands and peony garden, which blooms each year in early June about the time of the Arb's annual Shakespeare productions. Trails are free and open daily sunrise–sunset. The James D. Reader Center (1610 Washington Hts.) has restrooms, maps, guidebooks, and histories for visitors. Open seasonally and with expanded hours for peony season and *Shakespeare in the Arb.* Call for hours. mbgna.umich.edu

Saginaw Forest, 3900 W. Liberty. (734) 764–9316. This 80-acre woods on Liberty Rd. west of Wagner, owned and operated by the U-M's School for Environment and Sustainability, consists of several forest plantations dating back to 1904. Its path around Third Sister Lake is a favorite for walking dogs (on leash only) and cross-country skiers. Open to public to walk through from dusk to dawn. Parking available at 2142 Church on Wagner. seas.umich.edu/about/field-properties/saginaw-forest

CITY PARKS & NATURE AREAS

Smoking is banned in all Ann Arbor city parks with the exception of Cobblestone Farm, Huron Hills and Leslie Park golf courses. For an indexed Google map of all 159 Ann Arbor parks, see tinyurl.com/2774x8a

City of Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation, 2781 Packard, Cobblestone Farm. (734) 794–6230. Manages nearly 2,100 acres of parkland and 15 recreation facilities. Call to reserve pavilions or to hold special events in city parks. Register online at a2gov.org/parksregister for classes, camps, and programs. Scholarships and discounted passes to pools, rinks, and classes are available for city residents who qualify. a2gov.org/parks

Area Fishing. At the 4-acre Spring Pond at Rolling Hills County Park (734–484–9676), visitors may fish from the bank or 2 disability-friendly fishing piers (catch and release only). At Spring Valley Trout Farm (12190 Island Lake Rd., Dexter; 734–426–4772) you can catch your own farm-raised catfish or rainbow trout; all equipment is provided, no license is required; fish cleaned, iced, and packaged, or you can cook it on site (grills provided); group outings available. springvalleytroutfarm.com. Numerous **small lakes,** many only a short drive away, offer good fishing; call the Huron-Clinton Metroparks (810–227–2757), the Waterloo State Recreation Area (734–475–8307), or the Pinckney State Recreation Area (734–426–4913). The Michigan Fishing Hotline, (855–777–0908), has fishing and lake information for the entire state.

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

A family of swans explore the shoreline of one of Dolph Park's Sister Lakes.

Riverfront Parks. Ann Arbor boasts several miles of diverse parks along the Huron River. Connected by trails, they provide the perfect setting for a long scenic walk or bike ride, as well as the chance to stop and enjoy activities ranging from bird watching and fishing to disc golf and swimming. Here's an overview, downstream from northwest to southeast.

Located on the northwest side of town, the **Bird Hills Nature Area** is the city's largest park, a favorite of hikers for its unpaved wooded trails through steep hills and ravines. To the east, across the river and Huron River Drive, the low-lying **Barton Nature Area** contains several different ecosystems, including prairie, emergent marshland, wet meadows, and former farmlands, and is home to the century-old Barton Dam. To the east stretches **Bandemer Park,** frequented by many for its 9-hole disc golf course, dirt bike jump course, and views of Argo Pond. The pond is circled by a trail connecting Bandemer Park with **Argo Park** to the east. A pedestrian boardwalk and then a dirt trail follow the eastern shoreline south through dense willows and oaks to the Argo watersports livery off Longshore Dr. On the west side of the pond, the paved Border-to-Border Trail (B2B) runs from Bandemer to Argo Dam and follows the Huron River all the way to Ypsilanti. The wildly popular **Argo Cascades** are a bypass channel featuring a series of nine narrow drops and pools that carry paddlers and inner-tubers from Argo Pond down to the main river just upstream of the Broadway Bridges.

The B2B Trail goes under the bridges and passes through the picturesque **Riverside Park,** located on a relatively shallow portion of river suitable for fly-fishing. Downstream, off Maiden Ln., there are many inviting outdoor tables, grills, and a stunning Greek Revival picnic shelter at **Island Park.** In the woods at the back of the park, an old dirt road, now a walking path, ascends to the **Cedar Bend Nature Area,** a high, forested slope (also accessible from Broadway via Cedar Bend Dr.) whose view of the city's skyline is partially obscured by oaks and hickories.

Across the river from Island Park, **Fuller Park** bustles with people playing on its soccer fields, large playground, and in its outdoor pool and water slide. From here, the B2B Trail runs east along Fuller Rd. and around the U-M's Mitchell Field and softball diamonds, leading to **Gallup Park.** The city's most popular park, it has three playgrounds (including a "universal use" one designed to accommodate people with a range of disabilities), grills, tables, a fishing pier, and a canoe, kayak, and paddleboat livery. More than 3 miles of bucolic trails and arched footbridges join a series of small islands, and a pedestrian walkway connects Gallup with its quiet neighbor to the west, the **Furstenberg Nature Area.** The most ecologically diverse park in Ann Arbor, it contains several rare species of flora native to wetlands, woodlands, prairie, and oak savanna.

MARK BIALEK

Dix Pond at Matthaei Botanical Gardens (U-M Nature Areas). Matthaei's display gardens and conservatory are closed to the public during Covid-19, but its outdoor spaces are open (see feature, p. 22).

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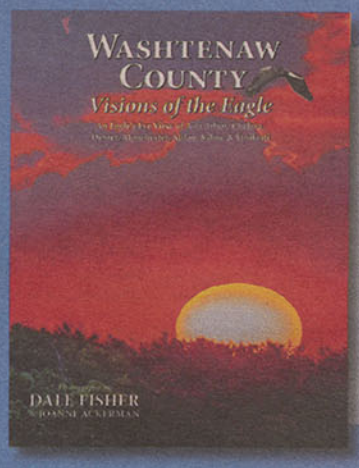

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Recreation

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"Nature never fails us."

Outside is open at Matthaei

The Matthaei-Parker Mill trail is "a four-mile round trip that passes by and through interesting ecosystems," says spokesperson Joe Mooney.

"When the pandemic first hit, it was really fatalistic," Celia Ober remembers. "Everything was shut down and you started to feel that—almost a claustrophobia.

"I can remember the very first signs of spring, I went outside. And I had this sense of, 'Wait, you're open?'"

Outside was definitely open when Ober, her friend Christine Tomasso, and their families headed to Matthaei Botanical Gardens to bike the trail to Parker Mill.

"Why would we drive forty-five minutes for a beautiful trail when we have one right here?" mused Tomasso.

Even with its signature conservatory and display gardens temporarily closed due to the pandemic, Matthaei Botanical Gardens is still a jewel for nature lovers, outdoor enthusiasts, and plant geeks. The visitor center with its restrooms and water fountains is also closed, so plan ahead for your visit.

With the display gardens closed, Matthaei spokesperson Joe Mooney recommends people start with "a walk along the Sam Graham Trees Trail to see collections of native trees." Mooney also recommends the Matthaei-Parker Mill trail that Ober, Tomasso, and their families explored. "It's a four-mile round trip trail that passes by and through interesting ecosystems."

For Mooney, time outside at places like Matthaei is even more important with the coronavirus shutdowns, "Nature never fails us! A walk in the woods or time spent viewing plants, trees, and flowers has a calming effect. With so many places closed because of Covid, it's important that we get a dose of nature every day if possible."

Pablo de la Vega agrees. "We were just saying how important this place has been for us to maintain our sanity." He and Ginger Carter were watching the fish and turtles at Dix Pond on Carter's birthday. She explains, "We like to come out here, hang out by the bench, and solve all our life problems."

To make the most of your visit, Mooney suggests you "consider the season. We look good year-round but in the fall the trees and shrubs at Matthaei put on a great show of blazing color, while in spring the woodland wildflower garden offers a view of some delicate native ephemerals. Summertime, the Gateway Garden really shines with colorful annuals from the New World."

De la Vega also enjoys "the change of seasons, watching decay, if you want to call it like that, in the wintertime. That's always happening. It helps you to understand that there are cycles in life. Because if you're going to hit the bottom, there's always going to be something nice after, and then you're going to hit another bottom again. It's just the cycle of life."

Whenever you visit Matthaei, Carter recommends you "take your time when you're going through the trails. Today, we found a frog that was the size of my thumb, it just looked like a bug jumping across the trail, but we just take our time and go really slow and we always find little animals or bugs or things like that."

Slowing down also allowed de la Vega to appreciate new sights, "We found this one area, and the reflection of the water on the [underside of the leaves on the] trees is amazing. We've been here thousands of times and we never noticed it. It was one of the best light shows we've ever seen."

—Chuck Warpehoski

Teeming with roller bladers, joggers, and cyclists, the B2B Trail continues from Gallup Park east to **Parker Mill County Park,** where there is a historic grist and cider mill, and then **Forest Nature Area,** a wet forest of black maples, hackberries, and rock elms traversed by a boardwalk trail with interpretative signs. A new branch extends all the way to the U-M's Matthaei Botanical Gardens (1800 N. Dixboro, 734–647–7600, providing nonmotorized access to its conservatory, gardens, and pathways.

OTHER LOCAL PARKS OF NOTE

For dog parks See Pets & Wildlife.

East Side

County Farm Park (734) 971–6337, offers 141 acres of lush fields, bush-covered areas, and forest lowlands, home to rabbits, woodchucks, pheasant, and numerous songbird species. It has a playground, picnic pavilions, and three loop trails; the longest trail is 1.4 miles and features 18 exercise

stations placed along its length. washtenaw.org/421/County-Farm-Park

Buhr Park, 2751 Packard. (734) 794–6234. This expansive park adjacent to the city's Cobblestone Farm has ball diamonds, a pool, and a covered outdoor ice rink (home in summer to roller derby matches). a2gov.org/buhr

North Side

The city park system abounds in wild pockets. These range in size from the **Hannah Nature Area,** a quaint 1-acre wooded site at the end of Bath St. just west of Seventh St., to the sprawling **Marshall Nature Area,** 79 acres of ridges, hollows, and low-lying meadows east of Domino's Farms. Located between the Leslie Park Golf Course and Upland Dr., the **Leslie Woods Nature Area** is a mature woodland that contains some of the largest oaks and hickories within the park system. Another oak-hickory woods, the **Bluffs Nature Area** above North Main St. features steeply wooded slopes and trails popular among mountain bikers.

Miller Nature Area. Two obscure entrances on Miller west of Newport drop off immediately into a densely overgrown valley. Many small trails switch direction so quickly that disorientation can set in; plunge ahead and you'll eventually emerge in a quiet neighborhood on Arborview. The 54-acre **Olson Park,** at Dhu Varren Rd. and Pontiac Tr. includes wetlands, woods, Traver Creek, and Traver Pond, providing a habitat for many species of native plants, butterflies, songbirds, and migratory waterfowl. It has a half-mile paved path surrounding Traver Pond, a basketball court, a dog park, soccer fields, a playground, a picnic shelter, and a dense net of mountain bike trails.

South Side

Mary Beth Doyle Park has picnic tables, a basketball court, swings, paved and unpaved trails, and an 18-hole disc golf course on 80 sprawling acres. A wetland preserve, formed by an unusual dam-and-channel system that diverts Mallets Creek, affords opportunities for wildlife viewing year round. a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation.

Just outside the city limits in Pittsfield Township, **Lillie Park,** 4365 Platt, has 3½ miles of ADA-accessible nature trails, grills, pavilions, electrical outlets, restrooms, soccer fields, boardwalk, and 2 playground structures. **Montibeller Park,** 4305 Ellsworth, has 1.5 miles of nature trails, grills, pavilions, restrooms, ball diamonds, playground structures, and tennis courts (no handicap accessible route to restroom)

Farther south, the 626-acre **Pittsfield Preserve,** north of Michigan Ave. east of Platt, encompass more than four miles of nature trails, a great blue heron rookery of over forty nests, wetlands, woods, and meadows. pittsfield-mi.gov

West Side

On the west side, **Hunt Park,** atop a glacial hill at the north end of Spring St., offers a panorama of downtown as well as basketball and tennis courts, softball diamonds, and a play area. In the winter it's popular among young sledders, as is **Wurster Park** south of Madison on the Old West Side. Between Miller and Huron streets, the large and vibrant **West Park** has a baseball field, community garden, playground, and a recently renovated band shell that hosts the Ann Arbor Civic Band's summer concert series.

Farther west at Maple Rd., **Veterans Memorial Park,** 2150 Jackson, (734) 794–623, hosts an outdoor pool, indoor ice rink, and ball diamonds, a winter sledding hill, and the busy Ann Arbor Skate Park (a2skatepark.org).

REGIONAL & STATE PARKS

Huron-Clinton Metroparks. (734) 426–8211. Nearby metroparks include **Delhi** (3902 E. Delhi), a handy spot to launch a canoe; **Dexter-Huron** (6535 Huron River Dr.), a wooded 123-acre area; and **Hudson Mills** (8801 North Territorial), with 1,549 acres including golf, disc golf, and trails for biking, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Metropark vehicle entrance fees: $10/day, $40/year ($29/year for age 62 & up). metroparks.com

Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings, Whitmore Lake. (734) 449–4437. Swimming, boating, disc golf, picnicking and playgrounds, fishing, hiking, biking, rollerblading, and sand volleyball. Launch site for canoes, kayaks, and motorized boats with ten or less horsepower. A variety of park programs and events offered throughout the year. Blue Heron Bay spray play facility (closed for summer 2020, to reopen in 2021) includes water play structures, geysers, jets, and slides. Blue Heron Bay admission: $4/Washtenaw County residents ($5/nonresidents); after 5 p.m. non-holiday weekends, $3/residents ($4/nonresidents). Vehicle entrance fee: county residents $6/day, seniors (age 62 & up) $3, non-residents $10, seniors $6. Resident annual fee $30/year, non-resident $45. washtenaw.org/424/Independence-Lake-Park

Pinckney Recreation Area, 8555 Silver Hill, Pinckney. (734) 426–4913. This 11,000-acre park north of Chelsea has many lakes for swimming, boating, canoeing, and fishing; modern and rustic campgrounds; and trails for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and birding. Hunting in season, snowmobiles permitted on a 4-inch base in designated areas. Recreation Passport required: state residents $12/year with license plate renewal, or $17/year at park gate. ($6 for motorcycles with license plate renewal, and $11/year at park gate); nonresidents $9/day, $34/year. michigan.gov/dnr

Rolling Hills County Park, 7660 Stony Creek. (734) 484–9676. This 363-acre county park has fields, woodlots, wetlands, a pond, a restored prairie with opportunities for bird and wildlife observation, and paved and soft trails for walking, biking, and in-line skating. Fishing, disc golf, a sledding hill, and cross-country skiing. Vehicle entrance fees: county residents $6/day ($3 for age 62 & over), $30/year; nonresidents $10/day ($6 for age 62 & up), $45/year. Additional fees for the Rolling Hills Family Water Park. washtenaw.org/607/Rolling-Hills-County-Park S

Waterloo Recreation Area, 16345 McClure, Chelsea. (734) 475–8307, Campground and cabin reservations: (800) 447–2757. This sprawling 20,500-acre area is great for birding, boating, cross-country skiing, fishing, hiking, swimming, mountain biking, and camping. The Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center, (734) 475–3170, 17030 Bush Rd., Chelsea, has hands-on exhibits, natural history programs, park information, and displays of local ecology, wildlife, and Michigan rocks and minerals. Recreation Passport required: state residents $12/year with license plate renewal, or $17/year at park gate. ($6 for motorcycles with license plate renewal, and $11/year at park gate); nonresidents $9/day, $32/year. michigan.gov/waterloo ■

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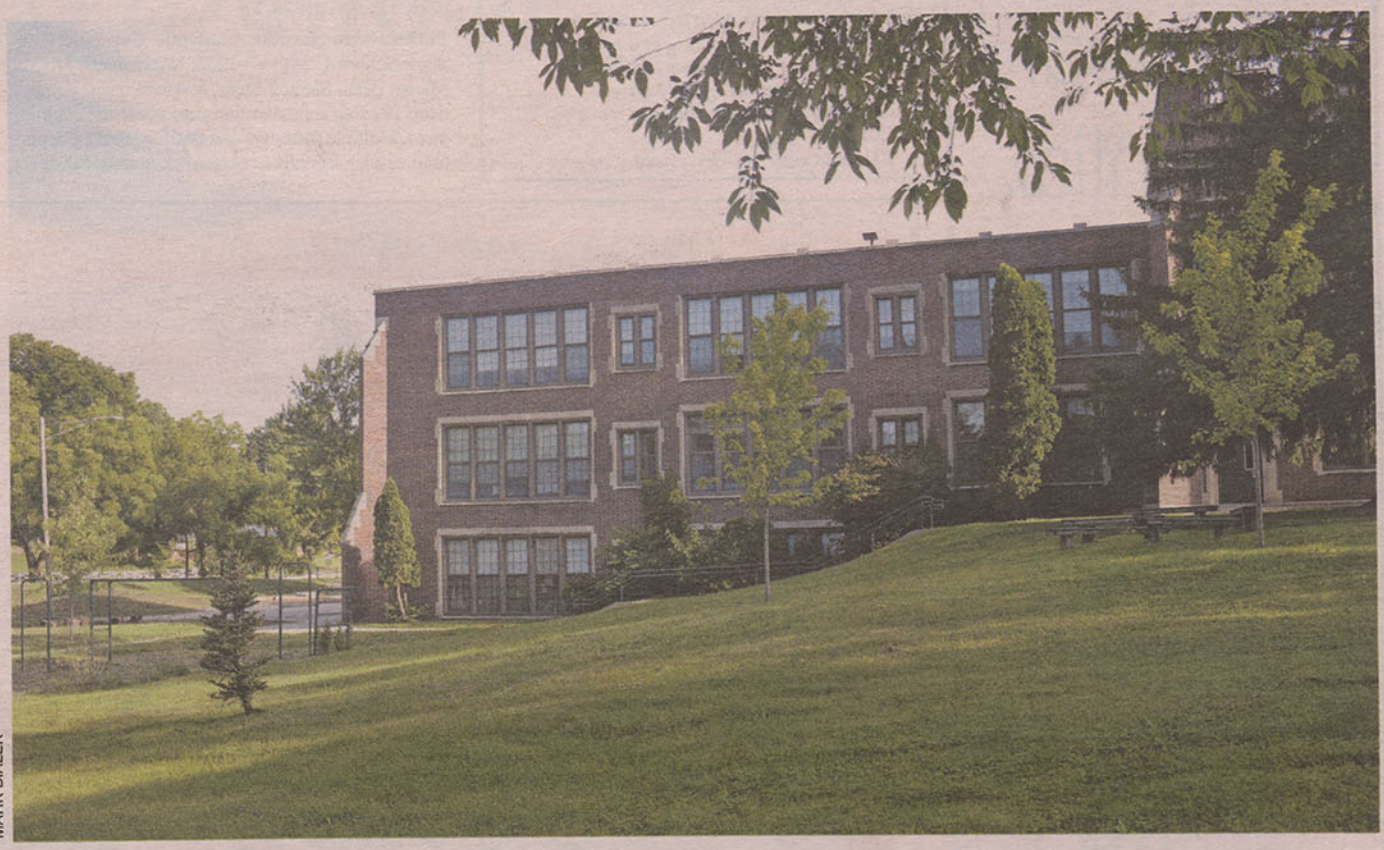
KEY
EC: *Extended care before- and/or after-school care for elementary students (some also provide transportation—call to ask).*
BA: *All teachers hold at least a bachelor's degree in child development or a related field.*
Drop-In: *Drop-in child care available.*
NAEYC: *Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.*
TT: *Child must be toilet trained.*



MARK BIALEK

The AAPS offers alternative or open programs at the K-8 Ann Arbor Open School (above), Community High School, and Pathways to Success Academic campus.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ann Arbor Public Schools 2020–2021 Calendar

Sept. 8: First day for students (full day)
Dec. 21–Jan. 4: No school (winter break)
Jan. 5: School resumes
Mar. 29–Apr. 2: No school (spring break)
Apr. 3: School resumes
The remainder of the calendar is not settled as of press time.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 2020 fall semester of Ann Arbor Public Schools begins with virtual classrooms for all students. The 2020–21 Reimagine Learning Plan offers three options, including all-virtual, a hybrid virtual/in person (as Covid-19 conditions lessen), and one independent study for grades 6–12.

Principal assignments are current as of July 2020. Alternative or open programs operate at Ann Arbor Open School, Community High School, and Pathways to Success Academic Campus. Contact the schools for information on eligibility and admissions.

Public Schools Administration

Ann Arbor Public School Administration, 2555 S. State. **A, E6**
General information . . . . . (734) 994–2200
Superintendent Jeanice Swift . . . (734) 994–2230
Website. a2schools.org
Communications. . . . . .go.schoolmessenger.com

Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 1819 S. Wagner. **A, A6**
General information . . . . . (734) 99812200
Website. . . . . .washtenawisd.org
Interim superintendent Naomi Norman. Coordinates more than 50 services in Washtenaw County's 10 public school districts and charter schools. Programs for homeless children, court-involved youths, special education, and more.

Board of Education

Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education, 2555 S. State. (734) 994–2232. Elections 1st Tuesday in November of even-numbered years. Terms of office run 4 years, January-December.

Email the entire board: boardofed @ a2schools.org

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Public Schools Fundraising

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop, 2280 S. Industrial. (734) 996–9155. *Check website for hours during Covid-19.* Resells new and gently used clothing, furniture, crafts, linens, household goods, small appliances, books, and other community-donated items. Proceeds benefit student enrichment activities at the Ann Arbor Public Schools. Open Mon.–Fri. 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Donations accepted Mon., Thurs., Fri. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun. noon-4 p.m. Call to arrange free furniture picK–up. Like on Facebook or Twitter: @a2ptothriftshop. a2ptothriftshop.org

Elementary Schools

Grades K–5 unless indicated. Enrollment figures from. fall 2019. For school boundaries, see the AAPS map on p. 36. For the Ann Arbor Public Schools Westerman Preschool and Family Center, see listing in the Child Care and Preschool Programs section.

Principal assignments are current as of June 2020. Alternative or open programs operate at Ann Arbor Open School, A2STEAM @ Northside, Community High School, and the Pathways to Success Academic Campus. Contact the schools for information on eligibility and admissions.

The number and letter at the end of each school listing identify its location on the map on p. 36.

Abbot, 2670 Sequoia. (734) 994–1901. 295 students. Pam Sica, principal. abbot.a2schools.org **1, B4**

Allen, 2560 Towner. (734) 997–1210. 434 students. Preschool available. allen.a2schools.org **2, F7.**

Angell, 1608 S. University. (734) 994–1907. 357 students. Gary Court, principal. angell.a2schools.org **3, E5**

Ann Arbor Open School, 920 Miller. (734) 994–1910. 521 students in grades K–8. Karen Siegel, principal; Chris Curtis, assistant principal. Admission by application and lottery. Contact school for application. aaopen.a2schools.org **4, C4**

Bach, 600 W. Jefferson. (734) 994–1949. 409 students. Collette Ivey, principal. bach.a2schools.org **5, D5**

Bryant, 2150 Santa Rosa. (734) 997–1212. 288 students in grades K–2 (students attend Pattengill for grades 3–5). Jamar Humphrey, principal. bryant.a2schools.org **6, F8**

Burns Park, 1414 Wells. (734) 994–1919. 512 students. Chuck Hatt, principal; Laura Wolf, assistant principal. burnspark.a2schools.org **7, E6**

Carpenter, 4250 Central. (734) 997–1214. 471 students. Michael Johnson, principal; Alison Epler, assistant principal. carpenter.a2schools.org **8, H7**

Dicken, 2135 Runnymede. (734) 994–1928. 331 students. dicken.a2schools.org **9, C6**

Eberwhite, 800 Soule. (734) 994–1934. 389 students. Bill Harris, principal. eberwhite.a2schools.org **10, C5**

Haisley, 825 Duncan. (734) 994–1937. 363 students. Dante Watson, principal. haisley.a2schools.org **11, C4**

King, 3800 Waldenwood. (734) 994–1940. 522 students. Mary Cooper, principal; Heather Halabu, assistant principal. king.a2schools.org **12, G4**

Lakewood, 344 Gralake. (734) 994–1953. 295 students. Edward Latour, principal. lakewood.a2schools.org **13, B5**

Lawton, 2250 S. Seventh. (734) 994–1946. 532 students. lawton.a2schools.org **14, C6**

Logan, 2685 Traver. (734) 994–1807. 365 students. William Wright, principal. logan.a2schools.org **15, F2**

Mitchell, 3550 Pittsview. (734) 997–1216. 397 students. International baccalaureate program available: a2schools.org/IB. Matt Hilton, principal; Alison Epler, assistant principal. mitchell.a2schools.org **16, G8**

Pattengill, 2100 Crestland. (734) 994–1961. 253 students in grades 3–5 (K–2 students attend Bryant). Robin Kocher, principal. pattengill.a2schools.org **17, F6**

Pittsfield, 2543 Pittsfield. (734) 997–1218. 274 students. pittsfield.a2schools.org **18, G7**

A2STEAM at Northside K–8, 912 Barton. (734) 994–1958. 634 students. Megan Fenech, principal; Brooke Stidham, assistant principal. a2schools.org/a2steam **19, E3**

Thurston, 2300 Prairie. (734) 994–1970. 498 students. Preschool available. Natasha York, principal; Rose Marie Callahan, assistant principal. thurston.a2schools.org **20, G3**

Wines, 1701 Newport. (734) 994–1973. 471 students. David DeYoung, principal. wines.a2schools.org **21, C3**

Middle Schools

Grades 6–8. Enrollment figures are from the 2019–2020 school year.

A2 Virtual+ Academy. (734) 997–1208. Cindy Leaman, principal. Online classes taught by AAPS instructors in partnership with Michigan Virtual. Enrollment for the school year opens in mid-August. Students usually take one or two online classes in addition to face-to-face classes, but there is the option for all online courses. Free to any Michigan public school student. a2virtual@a2schools.org, a2virtual.org

Clague, 2616 Nixon. (734) 994–1976. 674 students. Che' Carter, principal; Jen Daddow, assistant principal. clague.a2schools.org **22, F2**

Forsythe, 1655 Newport. (734) 994–1985. 656 students. Angela Newing, principal; Kristin Crowe, assistant principal. forsythe.a2schools.org **23, C3**

Scarlett, 3300 Lorraine. (734) 997–1220. 634 students. International baccalaureate program available: a2schools.org/IB. Gerald Vazquez, principal; Jaye Peterson, assistant principal. scarlett.a2schools.org **24, G8**

Slauson, 1019 W. Washington. (734) 994–2004. 698 students. Lisa Anglin, principal; Brandon Szwejkowski, assistant principal. slauson.a2schools.org **25, C5**

Tappan, 2251 E. Stadium. (734) 994–2011. 746 students. Roberta Heyward, principal; Chris Roberts, assistant principal. tappan.a2schools.org **26, F6**

High Schools

Grades 9–12 unless indicated. Enrollment figures are from the 2019–2020 school year.

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Community, 401 N. Division. (734) 994–2025. 533 students. Marci Tuzinsky, dean; Rebecca Westrate, assistant dean. Alternative school. Small classes,

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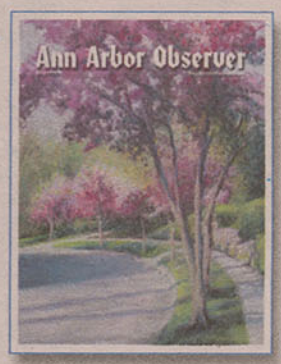

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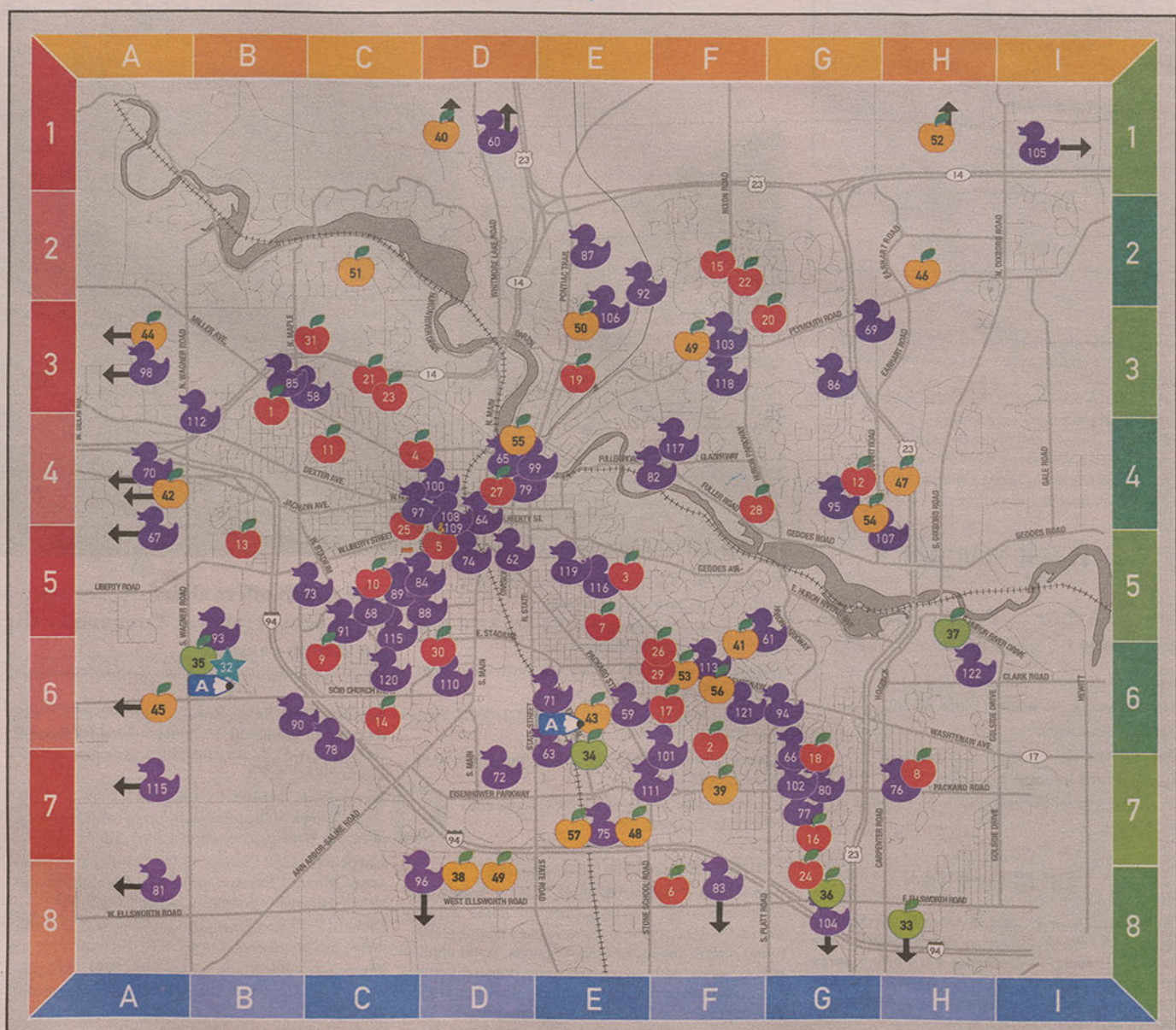
community service emphasis. Admission by application and lottery. a2community.org **27, D4**

Huron, 2727 Fuller. (734) 994–2040. 1,633 students. International baccalaureate program available: a2schools.org/IB. Janet Schwamb, principal; Marcus Edmondson, Anthony Whiren, and Michael Sumerton, assistant principals; Tracey Stevenson, 9th grade dean. a2huron.org **28, F4**

Pathways to Success Academic Campus, 2800 Stone School. (734) 997–1237. 188 students. Shaenu Micou, dean, Samuel Stern, assistant dean. For students needing a smaller, intimate academic environment. Multiple pathways and flexible learning opportunities such as online coursework, traditional direct day and evening instruction models, project-based learning, community internships, and dual enrollment opportunities for college credit. a2schools.org/domain/36 **29, F7**

Pioneer, 601 W. Stadium. (734) 994–2120. 1,952 students. Tracey Lowder, principal; Kevin Hudson, Jason Skiba, and Eve Claar, assistant principals, Daniel Hyliard, 9th grade dean. a2pioneer.org **30, D6**

Skyline, 2552 N. Maple. (734) 994–6515. 1,395 students. Cory McElmeel, principal; Salvadore Barrientes, Casey Elmore, and Robert Wellman, assistant principals, Amina Allen, 9th grade dean. a2skyline.org **31, B3**



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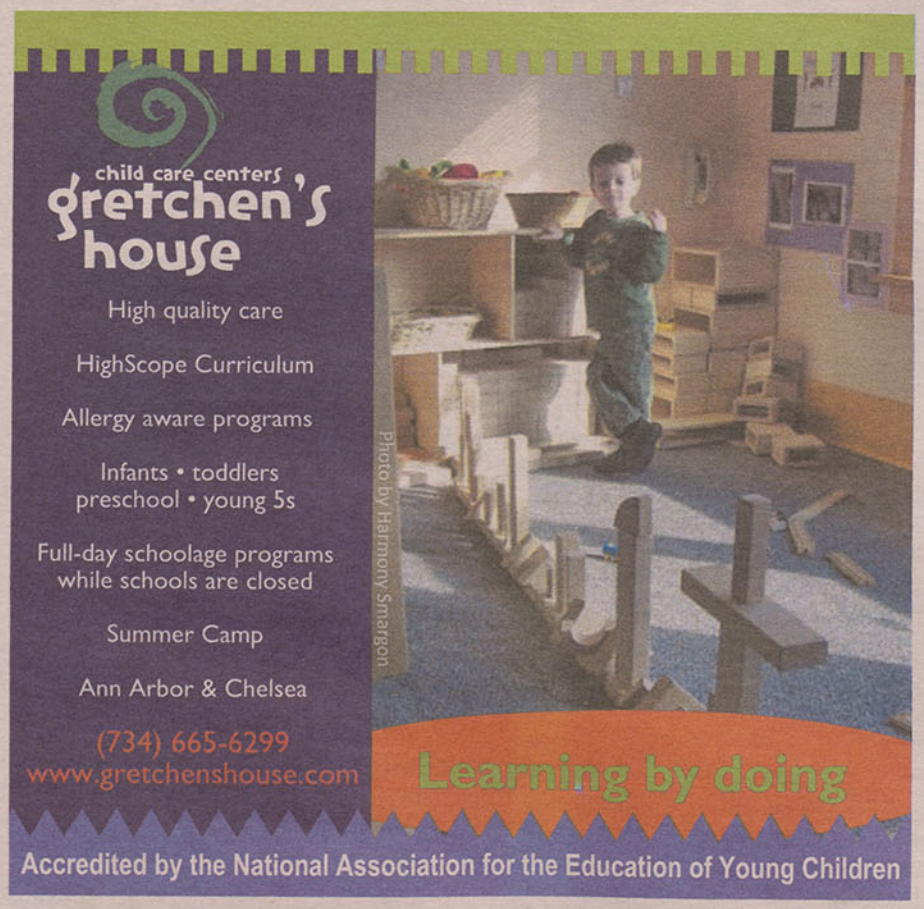

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Special Education

The **Ann Arbor Public Schools** provide services to students with disabilities, including regular class placements with special assistance. Full-day programs in specialized classrooms for students with less common disabilities—such as moderate to severe cognitive impairments as well as emotional, visual, and hearing impairments—are offered at select schools. Those with special needs are served from birth through age 26. (Help with vision and hearing impairments is provided for all ages.)

Early On / Early Intervention (Washtenaw Intermediate School District), 1819 S. Wagner. (734) 994–8100, ext. 1272. Services for children from birth-3 years who have a developmental delay or diagnosed disability. Free developmental assessment. 1800earlyon.org

Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD), 1819 S. Wagner. (734) 994–8100. Operates special education programs for children ages birth-26 at various locations including **High Point School** (1735 S. Wagner, 734–994–8100, **32, B6**), which serves county residents with severe disabilities. washtenawisd.org

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Contact for changes during Covid-19.
Charter schools receive public education funds but operate independently of the local school system.
Enrollment figures from the 2019–2020 school year.

Ann Arbor Learning Community, 4377 Textile, Ypsilanti. (734) 477–0340. 212 students in grades K–12. Teresa Woods, school leader. Small multi-age classes. Core curriculum with art, music & physical education for all students K–8. Strong reading achievement. Blended learning for grades 9–12. aalcoffice@gmail.com, annarborlearningcommunity.org **33, E8**

Central Academy, 2459 S. Industrial. (734) 822–1100. 660 students in grades pre-K–12. Dr. Luay Shalabi, principal. Standard public school curriculum plus character education. Multicultural school; Arabic taught as a second language. shalabil@gee-edu.com, centralacademy.net **34, E7**

Honey Creek Community School, 1735 S. Wagner. (734) 994–2636. 250 students in grades K–8. Al Waters, director. Rigorous curriculum integrates thought and experience; centers on themes, complex projects, and service learning in a multi-age setting. Summer camp programs. honeycreekschool.org **EC, BA, 35, B6**

Multicultural Academy, 5550 Platt. (734) 677–0732. 203 students in grades pre-K–8. Dr. Naji Shalabi, principal. Multi-age classes. Focus on Common Core, language studies, including Arabic. Free busing available. mainfo@macademyk8.com, macademyk8.com **36, G8**

Washtenaw Technical Middle College, 4800 E. Huron River, Washtenaw Community College. (734) 973–3410. 720 students in grades 9–12. Karl Covert, dean. Students earn a high school diploma and an associate's degree or a technical certificate in a career area. wtmc@wccnet.edu, themiddlecollege.org **37, H6**

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Contact for changes during Covid-19.
Enrollment and tuition figures from the 2019–2020 school year.
Many private schools also offer preschool programs; see listings under Child Care & Preschool Programs.

Ann Arbor Academy, 1153 Oak Valley. (734) 747–6641. 70 students in grades 4–13 (13th-year bridge program to college or work). Meredith Schindler, director. For students with divergent learning styles, learning disabilities, dyslexia, Asperger's, high-functioning autism, and AD/HD. Multisensory techniques. Summer program. $18,850/yr with limited scholarships available. annarboracademy@gmail.com, annarboracademy.org **38, D8**

Ann Arbor Adventist Elementary School, 2796 Packard. (734) 971–5570. 12 students in grades 1–8. Nicole Hadley, principal. Bible-based Christian education and outreach programs. $2,500–3,500 (depends on church affiliation). nhadley@misda.org, annarbor22.adventistschoolconnect.org **39, F7**

Ann Arbor Christian School, 5500 Whitmore Lake. (734) 741–4948. Interdenominational school with 200 students in grades preK–8. Strong focus on Christian faith integration. preK fees vary; $5,163 for half-day kindergarten; $9,251 for grades K–5; $10,091 grades 6–8; sibling discounts and tuition assistance available. office@annarborchristian.org, annarborchristian.org **BA, TT, 40, D1**

Ann Arbor Hills Child Development Center, 2775 Bedford. (734) 971–3080. Programs for parents and toddlers, preschoolers, jr. kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 & 2. Ramelle Alexander & Amy Jordan, co-directors. Individualized programs at every level with emphasis at elementary level on literacy, math, and core subjects. Call for pricing. admin@aahcdc.com, aahcdc.com **41, F6**

Christian Montessori School of Ann Arbor, 5225 Jackson. (734) 332–9600. For infants-6th grade. Programs in a nondenominational Christian environment. Montessori-credentialed teachers. Full- and half-day care from $1,212/month. Financial assistance available to qualified applicants. Apply on website. office@cmsaa.org, cmsaa.org **42, A4**

Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett. (734) 769–4511. K–12 programs "recognize each learner's curiosity, strengths, interests and talents as the foundation of his or her educational experience." Chandra Montgomery Nicol, executive director. Off-campus program (680 enrolled), campus program (40 enrolled, student-teacher ratio 1:8), and online program. Campus K–2 yearly tuition $6,250, grades 3–5 $8,250, grades 6–8 $11,250, high school $15,250. See website for online and off-campus tuition. info@clonlara.org, clonlara.org **43, E6**

Daycroft Montessori School, Elementary Campus (K–8), 1095 N. Zeeb. (734) 662–3335. Since 1960. 115 students in grades Preschool-grade 6. David Lee, head of school. A.M. preschool $10,830; full-day preschool $15,680; kindergarten $17,090; grades 1–6 $19,100. Hours 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Low student to teacher ratios. Before-school care and after-school enrichment programs. Financial aid available. admissions@daycroft.org, daycroft.org **EC, 44, A3**

Emerson School, 5425 Scio Church. (734) 665–5662. 300 students in grades K–8. John Huber, head of school. Programs for gifted and academically talented students in science, world languages, art, music, physical education, technology, and library. Average class size 15. Average teacher experience 15 years. Young fives: $8,950 for 1/2 day, $15,950 full day. Kindergarten: $17,950, 1st-5th: $21,950, 6th-8th: $23,950. Need-based financial aid available. Summer camps. admissions@emerson-school.org, emerson-school.org **V, BA, Drop-In, 45, A6**

Father Gabriel Richard Regional Catholic High School, 4333 Whitehall. (734) 662–0496. 560 students in grades 9–12. Chris Dotson, principal. Education based upon Catholic principles and traditions. College prep. $11,100/yr. Financial aid available. fgroffice@fgrhs.org, fgrhs.org **46, H2**

Greenhills School, 850 Greenhills. (734) 205–4068. 560 students in grades 6–12. Peter Fayroian, head of school. Average class size 15. Contact for pricing. admission@greenhillsschool.org, greenhillsschool.org. **Drop-In, 47, H4**

Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor, 2937 Birch Hollow. (734) 971–4633. Grades YK–5. Jennifer Rosenberg, head of school. Multi-age classrooms in grades 1–2 and 3–4. General studies and Hebrew immersion/Judaic studies program. $15,540 kindergarten; $16,540 grades 1–5. Lower tuition possible through an application process. office@hdsaa.org, hdsaa.org **EC, 48, E7**

Michigan Islamic Academy, 2301 Plymouth. (734) 665–8882. 261 students in grades pre-K–12. Fayzeh Madani, principal. Montessori preschool and kindergarten. Full-time Islamic school. $6,400 kindergarten tuition. $5,850 grades 1–12. mia@mia-aa.org, mia-aa.org **49, F3**

Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor—High School, 2230 Pontiac Tr. (734) 669–9394. 120 students in grades 9–12. College-prep academics, immersive program featuring hands-on experiences, music, languages and fine arts. $22,600 with flexible tuition options. admissions@steinerschool.org, steinerschool.org **50, E3**

Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor—Lower School, 2775 Newport. (734) 995–4141. 275 students in grades 1–8. Immersive academics featuring hands-on experiences, music, languages and fine arts. $18,300 with flexible tuition options. admissions@steinerschool.org, steinerschool.org **EC, 51, C2**

Spiritus Sanctus Academy, 4101 E. Joy. (734) 996–3855. 170 students in grades pre-K–8. Sr. Maria Gemma, OP, principal. Roman Catholic teachings;

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full academic program. Contact for pricing. annarbor@spiritussanctus.org, facebook.com/spiritussanctusacademy **52, H1**

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, 2250 E. Stadium. (734) 821–2200. 420 students (preschool-grade 8). Julie Fantone Pritzel, principal. Out-of-parish tuition: $4,370 half-day kindergarten; $8,400 grades K–8 (one student). Discounted rates for siblings and in-parish families. school@stfrancisaa.org, stfrancisa2.com/school **EC, 53, F6**

St. Paul Lutheran Elementary & Middle School, 495 Earhart. (734) 665–0604. 300 students in grades pre-K–8. Robert Burgess, principal. Call for tuition; sibling discounts. Financial assistance available. admissions@stpaulannarbor.org, school.stpaulannarbor.org **EC, 55, G4**

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, 540 Elizabeth. (734) 769–0911. 105 students in preschool-grade 8. Tim DiLaura, headmaster. Classical Catholic education with curriculum and pedagogy in union with formation of Catholic faith and practice. Spanish grades K–4, Latin grades 5–8. Upper and lower school choirs. Daily Mass or Adoration. See website for tuition. lsteffy@sta2.org, sta2.org **EC, BA, Drop-in, NAEYC, TT, 55, D4**

Summers-Knoll School, 2203 Platt. (734) 971–7991. 100 children in grades K–8. Rachel Goldberg, head of school. Small class size, multi-age classrooms for bright, gifted, and creative children. Programs during vacation breaks, including summer camp. Tuition: $16,750 kindergarten; $19,640 grades 1–4; $20,890 grades 5–8. Need-based financial aid available. info@summers-knoll.org, summers-knoll.org **EC, TT, 55, F6**

Veritas Christi Catholic High School. (734) 645–1643. Grades 7–12. Charles (Chip) Clearwater, principal. Online Roman Catholic high school for students with special needs. Contact for pricing. veritaschristi.com **57, E7**

CHILD CARE RESOURCES

Child Care Network (Southeast Great Start to Quality Resource Center), 3941 Research Park, #C. (734) 975–1840. Training for child care providers; child care scholarships; and assistance with child care referrals using the greatstarttoquality.org website. Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–4 p.m. info@childcarenetwork.org, childcarenetwork.org

CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

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Centers listed care for 13 or more children and are licensed by the Michigan Department of Human Services (MDHS).

Most centers are open year-round and take applications any time, but those that run preschools or kindergartens often enroll for the school year. Call for information.

***Home Day Care:** Ann Arbor has 100 active, registered day care family homes (for 6 or fewer children) and licensed group homes (for up to 12 children). For information, contact the Child Care Network (734–975–1840, childcarenetwork.org) or visit greatstartconnect.org to search a database of family and group homes.*

Allergies: Many centers have food allergy programs. Contact providers.

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Allen Creek Preschool, 2350 Miller. (734) 994–3382. Parent-toddler classes for ages 1–2 $397/month; half-day preschool programs for ages 3–4 $886–$986/month. After school art classes $150–$220/month. Teacher to child ratio 1:6. inquiries@allencreek.org, allencreek.org **BA, PT, 58, B3**

Ann Arbor Children's House Montessori, 2309 Packard. (734) 330–8190. Montessori preschool and kindergarten for ages 2 1/2–6. Adult child ratio 1:8. Lead teachers Montessori certified. 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; morning half day sessions and early drop off. See website for pricing. annarborchildrenshouse@gmail.com, annarborchildrenshouse.com **BA, 59, E6**

Ann Arbor Christian School, 5500 Whitmore Lake. (734) 741–4948. Half-day preschool and kindergarten with Christian faith integration. 3 year olds meet Tues. & Thurs. 8:15–11:45 a.m. ($1,750/year); 4 year olds meet Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:15–11:45 a.m. ($2,625/year); kindergartners meet Mon.–Fri. 8:15–11:45 a.m. ($5,163/year). Preschool students may enroll for days in addition to their core days. After-school care available. office@annarborchristian.org, annarborchristian.org **BA, TT, 60, D1**

Ann Arbor Hills Child Development Center, 2775 Bedford. (734) 971–3080. Preschool for ages 2 ½-preK 2–5 days per week, 9 a.m.–noon; with optional extended programs till 1:30 or 3 p.m. Parents & toddlers class Fri. 9–10:15 a.m., young toddlers Fri. 10:30 a.m.–noon. Call for pricing. Ramelle Alexander & Amy Jordan codirectors. admin@aahcdc.com, aahcdc.com **BA, 61, F6**

Ann Arbor Nursery, Inc., 517 E. Washington (First Baptist Church). (734) 769–7966. Since 1938. Co-op preschool for ages 3–5. Incoming students must turn 3 by Sept. 1. Parents assist 2–3 times/month. Sibling nursery available. Open Sept.–late May. Multi-age classroom meets Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9:30 a.m.–noon. $600/semester. info@annarbornursery.com, annarbornursery.com **BA, TT, 62, D5**

Ann Arbor Public Schools Westerman Preschool & Family Center, 2775 Boardwalk. (734) 994–2303. Comprehensive early childhood programs for children 0–5. Runs the **Head Start** and **Great Start Readiness Program** for children ages 3 & 4 who live in the Washtenaw Intermediate School District and meet income or eligibility guidelines, including those on public assistance or with children at risk; also **Early Childhood Special Education** program for ages 3–5 who have diagnosed disabilities. Ongoing enrollment. pogliano@aaps.k12.mi.us, a2schools.org/Page/7094 **BA, NAEYC, 63, E7**

Ann Arbor YMCA Child Development Center, 400 W. Washington. (734) 263–2094. Year-round child care for age 2 1/2–grade 4. Half-day pre-K program for ages 3 1/2–5 Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–1 p.m.; includes weekly swim lesson. After-school care for K–4; after-school activities for grades 5–8. Sports and

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Early Explorer Child Care Learning Center, 4080 Packard. (734) 369–6293. Daycare and preschool for newborns to school age. Adult-child ratio 1:4–1:8. Programs 2–5 days/week. Full days only. 7:30 a.m.–5:45 p.m. See website for pricing. issamajeda81@gmail.com, earlyexplorercenter.com **EC, 76, H7**

The Early Learning Center, 3070 Redwood. (734) 973–7722. Half-day preschool for ages 2 1/2–5. Adult-child ratio 1:7. Contact for rates. Parent-tot class. Open Sept.–June, Mon.–Fri. 8:45–11:45 a.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12:30–3:15 p.m. See website for rates. Follows AAPS calendar. info@elcpreschool.com, elcpreschool.com **BA, NAEYC, TT, 77, G7**

Everbrook Academy of Ann Arbor, 2380 Oak Valley. (734) 996–9352. Child care, preschool, kindergarten, and before- and after-school care for ages 6 weeks-10 years. Full time 6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Part time available. Call for rates. everbrookacademy.com **EC, Drop-In, 78, C7**

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Foundations Preschool of Washtenaw County, 3770 Packard. (734) 677–8130. Day care and preschool for ages 18 mos.–5 yrs. (summer program through 6 yrs.). Tuition based on sliding scale. Great Start Readiness Program participant. Adult-toddler ratio: 1:4; preschool adult-child ratio 1:8. Open year-round, Mon.–Fri., 7 a.m.–6 p.m. Meals and snacks provided. foundations-preschool.org **EC, BA, NAEYC, 80, G7**

Freedom Childcare Center (St. Thomas Lutheran Church), 8753 Pleasant Lake. (734) 997–9116. Child care and preschool for ages 6 weeks-12 years. Mon.–Fri. 6 a.m.–6 p.m. School-age summer care and programs. Contact for pricing. freedomchildcarecenter.org **81, A8**

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Green House Montessori School, 3613 Green Brier Blvd. (734) 913–0021. Montessori preschool and kindergarten for children 18 months–6 years. Full- and half-day programs. Teachers are Montessori certified. Accredited by the American Montessori Society and Michigan Montessori Society. Adult-child ratio 1:4 -1:8. Weekly Spanish & music lessons. Call for rates. Extended day care available. 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Summer camp for children up to 9 years. greenhousemontessori@yahoo.com, greenhousemontessoriannarbor.com **BA, 86, G3**

Gretchen's House—Dhu Varren, 1580 Dhu Varren. (734) 821–2800. Full- and part-time programs for ages 3 months-11 years. Before- and after-school and summer programs for school-age children. Adult-child ratios 1:4–1:10. Call for rates. 7:15 a.m.–5:45 p.m. shannon.peitz@gretchenshouse.com gretchenshouse.com **EC, BA, NAEYC, 87, E2**

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Gretchen's House—Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline (Unitarian Universalist Church). (734) 822–6668. Full- and part-time child care for ages 3 months-5 years. Adult-child ratio 1:4–1:10. Call for rates. 7:15 a.m.–5:45 p.m. beth.renner@gretchenshouse.com gretchenshouse.com **BA, NAEYC, 93, B6**

KinderCare Learning Center, 2300 S. Huron Pkwy. (734) 971–6626. Infant, toddlers, preschool, pre-K, and before- and after school programs for ages 6 weeks–12 years. Adult-child ratio 1:4–1:18. Open Mon.–Fri. 6:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Contact for pricing. kindercare.com/our-centers/ann-arbor/mi/301165 **Drop-in, 94, G6**

KingCare, 3800 Waldenwood. (734) 994–4485. Child care enrichment program for King Elementary School students during the school year. Thematic curriculum. Flexible scheduling (sign up for 1–5 days/week). Adult-child ratio 1:12. Drop-In Care allows parent to send their child only as needed, and rates are set per day or half-day. See website for pricing. hbrescol@kingchildcare.com, kingchildcare.com **EC, Drop-In, 95, G4**

Kozy Heart, 5443 Lohr. (734) 846–0977. Infant and toddler day care and preschool for ages 2–5 years. Adult-child ratio 1:4 (infants and toddlers), 1:8 (preschool). Mon.–Fri. 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Call for tuition. kozyheart@gmail.com, kozyheart.weebly.com **96, D8**

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Oak Trails Montessori School, 6727 Warren. (734) 662–8016. Montessori pre-primary school and kindergarten for ages 2 1/2–6. Spanish and music programs. Adult-child ratio 1:8. Teachers have Montessori training. Summer programs. info@oaktrails.org, oaktrails.org **EC, BA, TT, 105, I1**

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TLC Adventure Preschool, 1400 W. Stadium, Trinity Lutheran Church. (734) 662–4419. Ages 2 1/2–6. Adult-child ratio 1:7. $405/month (plus $75 registration fee). 10% sibling discount. Sept.–May, Mon., Wed., & Fri. 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Submit emails through online form, trinityaa.org/preschool **BA, NAEYC, TT, 115, C6**

Triangle Cooperative Preschool, 1432 Washtenaw, First Presbyterian Church. (734) 221–0905. Preschool for ages 3 & 4; parents assist in class 7–9 times/semester. Adult-child ratio 1:5. Open Sept.–May. 3–year-olds meet Mon. & Wed. 9–11:30 a.m., $384/semester. 4–year-olds meet Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 9–noon, $569/semester. Some tuition assistance. Open house in Feb. info@trianglecoop.org, trianglecoop.org **BA, 116, E5**

U-M Health System Child Care Center, 2601 Glazier Way. (734) 998–6195. Day care and preschool for newborns-5 years. Full day plus before- and after-care at additional cost. Adult-child ratios 1:3–1:8. Open to the public (waiting list for enrollment; priority to UMHS staff, faculty, and students). 7 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Care available when schools closed. Summer camp for school children. Contact for pricing. umhccc.office@umich.edu, med.umich.edu/ccc **EC, NAEYC, 117, F4**

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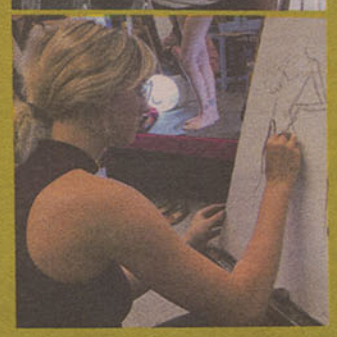

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Uno Dos Tres Spanish Immersion Preschool, 1500 Scio Church Rd. (734) 213–1123. Spanish immersion child care and preschool for children age 18 months to 6 years. 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Emphasis on family involvement and developmentally appropriate learning. Email for tour scheduling or rates. info@UnoDosTresPreschool.com, unodostrespreschool.com **120, C6**

Vineyard Children's Center (Vineyard Church of Ann Arbor), 2275 Platt. (734) 929–0300. Child care for ages 6 weeks-6 years. Adult-child ratio 1:4–1:10. 7 a.m.–6 p.m. Morning and afternoon half-day programs available. Accepts MDHHS payments. Call for fees or tours. director@vineyardchildren.org, vineyardchildren.org **121, H6**

Washtenaw Community College Children's Center, 4800 E. Huron River. (734) 973–3538. Preschool for ages 18 months-5 years for children of WCC students and staff for on-campus activities only. Adult-child ratios in compliance with licensing. Children of students $3/hour; children of staff $4/hour. Discounts: 15 percent for 2nd child, 10 percent for 30 hours or more. Mon.–Fri. 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Closed when WCC classes not in session. thagen@wccnet.edu, wccnet.edu/succeed/student-parents/childrens-center **NAEYC, 122, H6**

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Tyler Murch gets airborne at the Ann Arbor Skatepark.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

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Adventurers Homeschool Association, 1800 S. Huron Ypsilanti (Bethesda Bible Church). (734) 649–0797. Interdenominational Christian learning cooperative serves homeschooling families with children from newborn to high school age. Meets for two 12–week semesters for shared classes that include robotics, chemistry, stage combat, and drama. Thurs. 1–8:45 p.m. adventurershomeschool@gmail.com, adventurershomeschool.org

Ann Arbor Chinese Center of Michigan (Ann Arbor Chinese School), 3800 Waldenwood (King Elementary School). *Classes online during Covid-19.* Classes and Asian cultural enrichment activities for adults and children, including classes in Mandarin (3 yrs. - adult), calligraphy, yo-yo, musical instruments, Chen style Taiji, badminton, and basketball. Sept.–June, Fri. 7–9:50 p.m. Aug. 2020: Classes including Chinese SAT subject test. academic@aaccom.org, aaccom.org

Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education. Parents and guardians supporting children in AAPS who have IEPs or 504 Plans. Monthly meetings include guest speakers, panels, fairs, and more. Executive committee members and building representatives available to answer questions anytime. Lively and supportive Facebook group. aapacexecboard@groups.io, a2pac.wordpress.com

Bala Vihar, 4760 Packard (Chinmaya Mission Ann Arbor). (734) 434–1740. *See website for changes due to coronavirus.* A forum through which children ages 3–18 learn Hindu practices and philosophies. Sun. 10–11 a.m. Labor Day to Memorial Day. sharada@chinmaya-aa.org, chinmaya-aa.org

826michigan, 115 E. Liberty (inside Robot Supply & Repair). (734) 761–3463. Writing center offers students ages 6–18 drop-in tutoring during the school year (all subjects), field trips, creative writing workshops, and in-school programs. All programs are free. info@826michigan.org, 826michigan.org

En Nuestra Lengua. Free Spanish-language literacy program for Spanish-English bilingual children with Spanish-speaking parents. Programa de alfabetización y cultura en español para niños bilingües cuyos padres son hispanohablantes. Saturday morning classes during the school year for children grades pre-K -4 at Bach Elementary School, 600 W. Jefferson. Staffed by native Spanish speakers trained as teachers. en.nuestra.lengua@gmail.com, www-personal.umich.edu/~tsatter/ENL, facebook.com/EnNuestraLengua

Family Learning Institute, 1954 South Industrial, #D. (734) 995–6816. *Online during Covid-19.* Free one-on-one tutoring in reading, writing. Priority for low-income students in grades 2–5. info@familylearninginstitute.org, familylearninginstitute.org

First Steps Ann Arbor (AAPS Rec & Ed), 2775 Boardwalk. (734) 994–2300 x53186. Parent-child weekly classes, developmental information, monthly newsletters, developmental screening, and connections to preschools, community resources, and other services. Open to families in the county with children from birth - kindergarten. firststeps@a2schools.org, hyde140.wixsite.com/first-steps-annarbor

German School of Ann Arbor, 2685 Traver (Logan Elementary). (734) 995–0313. Online German language and culture classes, taught mainly in German, for ages 3–16. Sat. 9:30 a.m.–noon. deutscheschule-annarbor.weebly.com/english.html

Korean School of Ann Arbor, P.O. Box 8435, Ann Arbor, 48107. (734) 657–5510. Korean language and culture taught in English and Korean. Sept.– June, Sat. 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Open to all, ages 4–adult. ksofaa@yahoo.com, koreanschoolaa.org

Language Resource Center. Find tutoring assistance in forty-eight languages. Database offers contact information for tutors, each with different qualifications and hourly charges. tutor-database.lrc.lsa.umich.edu

Peace Neighborhood Center, 1111 N. Maple. (734) 662–3564. After-school tutoring and clubs for elementary and middle school students. Also, a year-round college and career exploration program for high school students, homework help, counseling, health seminars, teen recreation, and family enrichment programs. Summer day camp Jul.–Aug. on site for children entering grades 1–9. All activities free, except $85/family for summer camp. info@peaceneighborhoodcenter.org, peaceneighborhoodcenter.org

Safety Town (Ann Arbor Public Schools Rec&Ed), 2135 Runnymede (Dicken Elementary). (734) 994–2300 ext. 53186. Educational summer program helps children learn safety awareness using a child-size mock Ann Arbor that children explore on bikes. Curriculum covers bike helmets, stranger safety, fire safety, riding a school bus, pedestrian safety, and more. For children entering kindergarten or first grade in the fall. Scholarships available. Weeklong sessions offered 4 times in July and August. Safety Town program 8:45–11:45 a.m.; optional extended care & afternoon camp 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Register online. a2schools.org/Page/5004

Student Advocacy Center of Michigan, 124 Pearl St., #504, Ypsilanti. (734) 482–0489. Education advocacy, support, and mentoring for school-age children and youth facing school-related challenges, particularly school discipline and special education concerns. Free and fee-based, depending on income. contact@studentadvocacycenter.org, studentadvocacycenter.org

Washtenaw Learning Disabilities Association. Provides information, resources, and support to individuals with learning disabilities and their families living in Washtenaw County. Annual programs on topics such as dyslexia, assistive technology, and personal curricula for high school students. Scholarships for tutoring and for Washtenaw Community College. lda.washtenaw@gmail.com, washtenawlda.org

Washtenaw Success by 6, 1819 S. Wagner. (734) 994–8100 ext. 2177. County program works with over 40 organizations in the community to ensure that every child in Washtenaw County starts school ready to succeed. Provides resources for parents, including information on child development, preschool, child care, and health insurance. washtenawsuccessby6.org

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

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4–H Youth Programs (MSU Extension Washtenaw County), 705 N. Zeeb. (734) 997–1678. Community clubs for youth ages 5–19. Subjects from animal science, clothing and textiles, and art, to entrepreneurship and science and technology. Annual 4–H Youth Show last week in July at Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Enroll Sept. 1. $20 yearly participation fee. Some activities open to nonmembers. msue.washtenaw@county.msu.edu, canr.msu.edu/4h/index

Ann Arbor Area Piano Teachers Guild. (503) 476–4495. Piano lessons by qualified teachers. Student performance opportunities, achievement testing, and piano ensemble camp. Financial aid available. a2pianoteachers.com

Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty. (734) 994–8004. Art classes for all ages. Painting, mixed media, jewelry, ceramics, Art Lab (where traditional art meets technology), kids day camps during Ann Arbor Public School breaks, art parties, and events throughout the year. Mon.– Fri. 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m. & Sun. noon-5 p.m. annarborartcenter.org

Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. (Downtown Library), 3090 E. Eisenhower (Malletts Creek Branch), 2359 Oak Valley (Pittsfield Branch), 3333 Traverwood (Traverwood Branch). 2503 Jackson (West Branch, in the Westgate Shopping Center). (734) 327–4200. Activities and materials for youth and families year-round at the Downtown Library and local branches. Playgroups (children under age 2 accompanied by caregivers) and preschool storytimes (children age 2 & over accompanied by caregivers) year-round at most AADL locations. Summer Game for all ages offers activities, programs, and prizes. Events include hands-on science activities, crafts, performances, video game tournaments, author and storyteller visits, and musical programs. No charge for library events. aadl.org, jump.aadl.org (information for children newborn-5th grade).

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 220 E. Ann. (734) 995–5439. More than 250 interactive science and technology exhibits, including a light and optics gallery, a full-size ambulance, a 3–story rocket, and dedicated preschool room full of exhibits for younger visitors. Special demonstrations and events most weekends. New and traveling exhibitions, birthday parties, field trips, programming for libraries and community groups, and distance learning programs. Memberships available. See website for hours and prices. museum@aahom.org, aahom.org

Ann Arbor Music School, 1806 Dexter. (213) 948–8007. Private lessons in guitar, bass, mandolin, ukule, and songwriting/produbction. Lessons 7 days/wk. for ages 4 and up. Band mentoring/coaching through the process of playing together, writing songs, booking shows, and recording. a2musicschool@gmail.com, a2musicschool.come.

Ann Arbor Saline Music Center, 135 E. Bennett, Saline. (734) 883–4751. Private lessons in guitar, bass (electric and upright), drums, voice, piano, banjo, saxophone, trumpet, cello, viola, and violin since 1998. Rock and jazz band classes for age 7–adult. Rock and jazz summer camps. All ages and skill levels. Classes 7 days/wk. year-round. Instrument repairs and rentals. Custom-made guitars and basses. Workshops, clinics. a2musiccenter@gmail.com, a2musicCenter.com

Ann Arbor Suzuki Institute of Music. Mary Lou Roberts, coordinator, (734) 726–0171. Instruction in violin, viola, cello, bass, and guitar for children ages 3 through adult. Early childhood classes for parents with babies and toddlers. annarborsuzuki@gmail.com, sites.google.com/site/suzukiannarbor

Ann Arbor Youth Chorale, 1100 N. Main, #111. (734) 996–4404. *For 2020: Virtual auditions being held on Aug 8. Choir will resume in September either on a virtual platform or in person (as safety and space availability permits).* For over 30 years. Two auditioned choirs (Descant Choir and Concert Choir) for boys and girls ages 9–16. Both meet Tues. evenings, perform annual winter & spring concerts, and travel locally. Concert Choir tours nationally on a biannual basis. Sept.–May. Auditions held May and June. aaycadmin@annarboryouthchorale.org, annarboryouthchorale.org

Ann-Hua Chinese School, 3250 Plymouth, #203. (734) 223–6780, (315) 263–6506. Offers Chinese language, math, and cultural classes for heritage and non-heritage students in grades Pre-K–12. Meets Sun. 9 a.m.–6 p.m.; online classes Mon.–Sat. evenings. Follows AAPS calendar. Summer culture camp and enrichment classes. Chinese New Year celebration, Moon Festival celebration, Youth Talent Show, College Forum, and high school student volunteering opportunities for ages 5–17. Online registration available in Aug. principal@annhua.org, annhua.org

Boychoir of Ann Arbor, 1100 N. Main. (734) 663–5377. Choral performance, vocal training, and music education for boys ages 8–18. Three choirs perform classical, sacred, and secular music in local concerts and at area community events, weddings, and private functions. Auditions by appointment year round. Camp in June. office@a2boychoir.org, aaboychoir.org, facebook.com/BoychoirAnnArbor

Bryant Community Center (Community Action Network), 3 W. Eden Ct. (734) 477–0292. Supervised after-school educational and recreational programs for grades K–12. Five-week summer day camp for grades K–5 features swimming, reading, activities with dogs, art, games, and field trips. Call for fees, schedule, and eligibility requirement information for Bryant residents. Scholarships available. Similar pro-

grams available for residents of the Hikone, Green Baxter, and children who attend Mitchell Elementary School. canwashtenaw.org/education

Buhr Park Children's Wet Meadow Project, 2751 Packard. (734) 794–6230. Children helped create and continue to care for this educational site and ecosystem. Features throughout the park act as filters for stormwater runoff and support a diverse habitat of plants and animals. Workdays and projects open to all ages. facebook.com/wetmeadow

Community Music School of Ann Arbor, P.O. Box 2447, Ann Arbor 48106. (734) 213–2000. Programs include chamber music, jazz combos, creative ensembles, and more. programs@cmsa2.org, cmsa2.org

Domino's Petting Farm, 3001 Earhart. (734) 998–0182. Since 1984. Ponies, alpaca, llamas, goats, pigs, sheep, chickens, peacocks, cows, and a donkey. Adults & children $6, seniors (60+) $5.50; children 23 months and younger free. Open year-round, but hours vary seasonally. Pony rides most weekends. Birthday party packages and private events. Group rates for parties of 15+. info@pettingfarm.com, pettingfarm.com

Gallup Park River Kids, 3000 Fuller. (734) 794–6240. *No program in 2020. Return May 2021.* Exploratory program for age 2–6 (with caregiver) using kayaks, paddleboats, and canoes, plus fishing and storytelling. May-September. Call for dates and times; $70–$84/per child per month. csaam@a2gov.org, a2gov.org/canoe (click on Gallup Park Canoe Livery).

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, 444 James L. Hart Pkwy, Ypsilanti. (734) 714–5140. Six age divisions for girls ages 5–18. Activities include camping, leadership and career exploration, and community service. Call to volunteer, join, or start a troop. gshom@gshom.org, gshom.org

iD Tech Camps. (888) 709–8324. STEM program for kids and teens, ages 7–18. Code, design video games, mod Minecraft, create with Roblox, engineer robots, print 3-D characters, work with AI and machine learning, build laptops, learn about cybersecurity. Summer programs held at University of Michigan. idtech.com/locations/michigan-summer-camps/university-of-michigan

KidZone at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, 2935 Birch Hollow. (734) 971–0990. For kids in a young fives program to age 5. After-care till 6 p.m., transportation options. Computer lab, homework support, nutritious snacks, indoor and outdoor play, and more. Monthly theme weeks incorporate athletics, arts, crafts, creative learning, and more. Vacation activities and field trips when school is not in session. nicolefeinberg@jccannarbor.org, jccannarbor.org (click on Departments, then Youth & Teens)

Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver. (734) 997–1553. Educates children and adults to discover, understand, and respect their natural environment. Outdoor raptor enclosure and adopt-a-critter program. Events and exhibits on raptors, insects, reptiles & amphibians, and many other critters. Families, schools, scouts, and other groups may plan field trips or parties at Leslie, or classroom outreach at their own location. Summer camps and school break camps. Grounds, trails, & raptor enclosures open daily, free of charge. info@lesliesnc.org, lesliesnc.org

MPulse Summer Performing Arts Institutes, 2005 Baits, Stearns Building, U-M School of Music, Theater, and Dance. (734) 936–2660. U-M School of Music, Theatre and Dance faculty welcomes 250 eligible high school students from across the country for this summer performing arts program. The residential intensive offers music technology, performance, theater, and dance and is an introduction to life on campus. Institutes vary in length and require an audition and application. Some financial assistance is available. mpulse@umich.edu, smtd.umich.edu/yap

Music For Little Folks, 205 Pineridge. (734) 741–1510. Gari Stein, founder & director. Community music school based in traditional folk music for children from infancy to 5 years and their grown-ups. *Sing With Me*-music, movement & instrument exploration. *Nurturing Baby and You* for babies to pre-walkers and *Toddler Music Playgroup* at Ann Arbor YMCA. Ann Arbor Symphony KinderConcerts at area libraries. Check website for schedule and locations. garistein@aol.com, little-folks-music.com

Music Together, 1526 N. Maple (Robinsongs for Kids Studio). (734) 929–2133. *Online classes starting fall 2020.* Music and movement classes for young children and their parents or caretakers. Classes come with songbook/CD and include singing, movement, rhythmic rhymes, and instrument play. Programs offered: mixed age (5 yrs. and under); babies (8 months and under); Rhythm Kids (4–8 yrs. for music, movement and drumming), and Music Together With Japanese (5 yrs. and under). director@robinsongsforkids.com, robinsongsforkids.com

Neutral Zone, 310 E. Washington. (734) 214–9995. Youth-driven teen center for grades 9–12, offering programs in the visual arts, music technology, community leadership, education, and literary arts. Drop-in activities include tutoring, pool, ping-pong, art studio, computer lab, and a recording studio. Weekend events (sometimes a cover charge) include live music performances, DJ parties, movie nights, and poetry slams. Drop-in activities and tutoring are free; program fees vary (scholarships available). Hours during the school year are Mon.–Thurs. 2:30–8 p.m., and Fri. 2:30–6 p.m. with special events on Sat. & Sun. info@neutral-zone.org, neutral-zone.org

Rec&Ed (Ann Arbor Public Schools Department of Community Education and Recreation), 1515 S. Seventh, Pioneer High School, "E" wing. (734) 994–2300. Classes and sports leagues for preschool through high school offered year-round after-school, evenings, and weekends. Instructional classes include art, dance, languages, gymnastics, LEGO robotics, martial arts, music, chess, and sports. Summer camps for children in preschool-high school. Call to receive youth sports mailings, scholarship information, or quarterly catalogs. aareced.com

Scouting BSA, Southern Shores Field Service Council, 3914 Bestech, Ypsilanti. (734) 971–7100. Indoor and outdoor activities for boys and girls in Cub Scouts (grades 1–5) and leadership activities in Scouts BSA (grades 6–12), Venturing, and Sea Scouting (14–21, or 13 if eighth grade completed). See website for area groups. michiganscouting.org/SouthernShores

Scrap Creative Reuse, 4567 Washtenaw. (734) 800–4137. Donated surplus materials spark kids' imagination for crafting, building, or projects. Tues.–Sun. 10 a.m.–7 p.m. annarbor.scrapcreativereuse.org

Spinning Dot Theatre. Creates international plays for kids and their families. Global stories performed by actors from age 8 and up. Summer theater camps. Artist-in-residency and satellite programs. jakoppera@gmail.com, spinningdot.org

Talking Colors Art School, 2230 Pontiac Tr., Rudolf Steiner High School. (734) 680–3532. Art education for students age 6 and up. Summer camp and after school program. elenatef@gmail.com, talkingcolors.com

U-M Museum of Natural History, 1105 N. University (Biological Sciences Building). (734) 764–0478. Exhibits include: *On the Trail of Mastodons; Evolution: Life through Time; Measuring Space and Time;* and the *Planetarium & Dome Theater.* Museum admission free; donations encouraged; tickets required for planetarium shows. ummnh.org

U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum. (734) 647–7600. Matthaei (1800 N. Dixboro) offers self-guided or docent-led tours and daytime and evening classes for adults and children of all ages, and evening scout programs. The Arb (1610 Washington Hts.) has self-guided tours sunrise to sunset. mbgna.umich.edu

U-M Michigan Youth Ensembles (MYE), 2005 Baits (Stearns Building). (734) 936–2660. Students from around the country work directly with U-M faculty, conductors, and graduate students. Ensembles include: the Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Youth Symphonic Band, Michigan Youth Jazz Orchestra, Michigan Youth Chamber Singers, and other small ensembles and a musicianship course. Prospective students must apply and audition. See website for information and fees. smtd-youthandadult@umich.edu, smtd.umich.edu/yap

Wild Swan Theater, 6175 Jackson. (734) 995–0530. Produces performances geared for family audiences at Towsley Auditorium, Washtenaw Community College. Also offers after-school theater classes, summer drama camps, and participatory workshops for students in grades K–12, including activities designed for participants with disabilities. wildswan@wildswantheater.org, wildswantheater.org, facebook.com/Wild.Swan.Theater

YMCA, 400 W. Washington. (734) 996–9622. Preschool programs for newborns-5 include parent/tot classes, dance, swimming, martial arts, Spanish, yoga and gymnastics. Programs for school age youth ages include after-school care, summer camp, dance, swimming, gymnastics, baseball/T-Ball, basketball and soccer leagues, flag football, fitness classes, Youth Volunteer Corps, art, music, theater classes, yoga, and martial arts. Teen programs include after-school care, fitness classes, Youth Volunteer Corps, Youth in Government, summer camp, dance, swimming, basketball, martial arts, yoga, and fencing. Financial assistance available. Program details, rates, and registration online. annarborymca.org

Young People's Theater, 331 Metty, #3. (734) 222–4006. Professional quality theater productions for grades K–12. Acting, voice, and dance classes, workshops and private lessons. Summer performing arts camps. youngpeoplestheater@gmail.com, youngpeoplestheater.com ■

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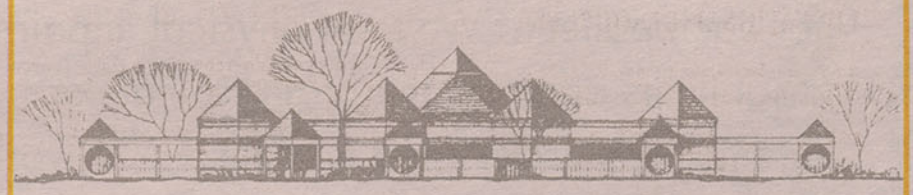

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Volunteer services ..... (734) 936–4327
Website ..... uofmhealth.org

Directions: The main **Michigan Medical campus and hospitals** are accessible from Fuller Rd., Maiden Ln., Glen Ave., or Observatory St. AAATA bus routes 3, 4A, 23, 32B, 60, 63, and 64 serve the main medical campus.

The **East Medical Campus,** on Plymouth Rd. east of US-23, includes 3 major outpatient buildings. Michigan Medicine satellite locations are scattered throughout the area.

Description: Michigan Medicine includes 3 hospitals, more than 50 health centers, U-M Medical School and the U-M Medical Group physicians' practice. U-M hospitals and outpatient centers provide educational, clinical, and research facilities for students and faculty. More than 3,400 physicians, including residents and interns, and about 5,700 nurses handle more than 49,000 admissions and 2.5 million outpatient visits each year. Michigan Medicine researchers receive more than $490 million in research grants each year, allowing the health system to offer new and experimental treatments. Medical students, residents, and nursing students participate in care under the supervision of faculty physicians. To find out how to **participate in clinical research,** call (877) 536–4243 or visit umclinicalstudies.org. For **information** on directions, parking, specific hospitals, and other topics: uofmhealth.org/um_docs/gmaps/ For a guide for patients and visitors: uofmhealth.org/patient+and+visitor+guide-0

University Hospital, Michigan Medicine's primary adult medical and surgical hospital, has 1,000 beds and houses operating rooms and some outpatient services.

C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital, (877) 475-MOTT. Specialty services for newborns, children, and women. The 1.1 million-square-foot facility has 348 beds, including 50 private maternity rooms and 46 private newborn intensive care rooms.

Major programs and facilities, all on the main medical campus unless noted, include the **Cardiovascular Center** (888–287–1082); **Depression and Outpatient Psychiatry** (Rachel Upjohn Bldg., 4250 Plymouth, 800–525–5188); **Gastroenterology** (888–229–7408); **Geriatrics Center** (4260 Plymouth, 734–764–6831, 877–865–2167); **Kellogg Eye Center** (1000 Wall, 734–763–8122); **MedSport Physical Therapy** (877) 877–9333, (734) 930–7400 (24 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr., and at the A2Ice3, 2121 Oak Valley); **Neurology/Neuroscience** (734–936–9020); **Sleep Disorders Center** (734–936–9068); **Transplantation** (734–936–7491); **Travel and Immunization Clinic** (734–647–5899); **University Health Service,** (207 Fletcher, 734–764–8320).

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Patient information ..... (734) 712–3773
Physician referral (734) 712–5400 or (800) 231–2211
Volunteer services ..... (734) 712–4159
Website ..... stjoeshealth.org

Directions: St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor is between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti in Superior Township. AAATA bus routes 3 and 24 serve the main hospital entrance.

Description: St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor is a member of St. Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS). Programs include cancer care using the CyberKnife radiosurgery system and daVinci robotic surgery, including a minimally invasive heart bypass. The hospital has participated in hundreds of cancer clinical trials.

The 537-bed acute care hospital offers complete medical and surgical inpatient and outpatient care, including cardiology, cancer care, obstetrics and other women's and children's health services (including a neonatal intensive care unit), physical medicine and rehabilitation, orthopedics, neurosciences, senior health, emergency services including a specialized senior emergency room, home care, and hospice.

SJMHS is a member of Livonia-based Trinity Health, the second largest Catholic health care system in the U.S. As a Catholic affiliate, the St. Joseph Mercy Health System does not routinely perform vasectomies or female sterilizations, and does not perform abortions.

Major programs and facilities, all on the main campus unless noted, include the **Cancer Care Specialty Center** (734–712–4673); **Center for Digestive Care** (734–434–6262); **Emergency & Trauma Center** (734–712–3000); **Home Care and Hospice** (3075 Clark Rd., #200, 734–327–3200 or 734–327–3400); **Huron Oaks,** mental health services, including partial hospitalization and adult residential unit (734–712–5850); **Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute** (734–712–8000); **Michigan Orthopedic Center** (734–712–5755); **Pain Institute** (734–712–7246); **Rehabilitation Services** (734–712–8674); **Reichert Health Center** outpatient care (734–712–5300); **Senior Health Building** (734–712–5189) houses Senior Health Services, Lifeline Emergency call service, and the Huron Woods residential care program for people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia; **Sleep Disorder Center** (734–712–2276); and the **Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center** (734–712–5800).

Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System

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Health Care

Description: VAAAHS serves over 69,000 veterans living in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio. The main campus houses 102 acute care inpatient beds, a 40-bed community living center, and a clinical building for outpatient, diagnostic, and surgical services. As the major VA referral facility for the Lower Peninsula, the health system supports numerous specialty programs, including a cardiac center, neurosurgery, hemodialysis, intensive psychiatric care, cochlear implantation, and cancer treatment, as well as diagnostic radiology.

The facility offers special treatment programs for Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans, women veterans, those with spinal cord injuries, former prisoners of war, and others. VAAAHS includes outpatient clinics in Flint, Jackson, and Toledo.

The Ann Arbor facility also houses clinical, basic sciences, and health services research programs, and a geriatric research, education, and clinical center. More than 140 VA researchers work here on more than 400 projects in such areas as cardiovascular disease, cancer, hypertension, and diabetes. A major teaching facility, VAAAHS is affiliated with the U-M Medical School and 40 other colleges and universities, and provides training to more than 1,200 people yearly. It employs more than 2,700 staff and has more than 1,000 volunteers.

The new Fisher House (see p. 50) provides free lodging for up to 16 families of veterans and active duty servicemembers hospitalized in the VAAAHS.

HOSPITAL LODGING PROGRAMS

VA Ann Arbor Fisher House, 2215 Fuller. (734) 845–3000. Sixteen suites for families of hospitalized veterans and service members undergoing treatment at VAAAHS. Stays are free. Volunteers welcome. VHAANNFisherHouse@va.gov, fisherhousemichigan.org

McAuley Inn (SJMHS), 5305 Elliott, Ypsilanti. (734) 712–2600. Twenty-eight-bed inn with full service guest accommodations. Rooms $77 ($72 for seniors) for SJMHS patients and their families. Free weekday shuttle service around St. Joe's campus. stjoesannarbor.org/mcauleyinn

Michigan Medicine Hospital Guest Assistance Program, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr., #2B203. (734) 764–6893, (800) 888–9825. Assists eligible patients and families with lodging, transportation, parking, clothing, insurance, meals, and costs for medications and equipment. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Social workers available as needed. uofmhealth.org/patient-and-visitor-guide/guest-assistance

Michigan Medicine Patient and Visitor Accommodations Program. (734) 936–0100, (800) 544–8684. Provides information for U-M patients and people accompanying them on area accommodations and amenities, and makes reservations at the best rate, including reservations for the **Med Inn,** a 30-room hotel within the U-M Medical Center. Provides information on special-needs accommodations. med.umich.edu/hotels

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor, 1600 Washington Hts. (734) 994–4442. For families of children (age 21 & under) under care at any Washtenaw County health facility who live more than 50 miles from that hospital. 31 unit "Main House" next

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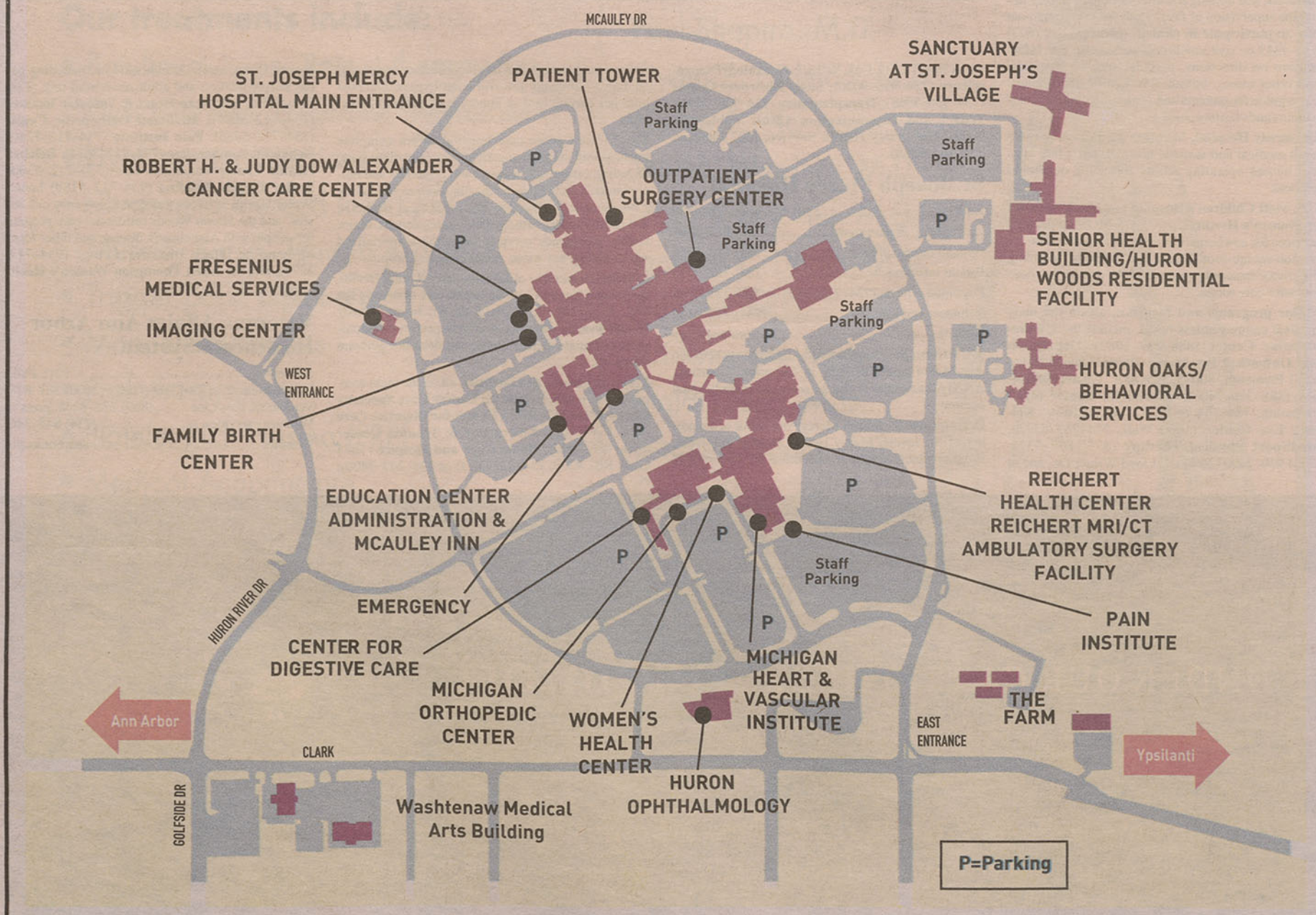
St. Joe's Neighborhood Family Health Center in Ypsilanti (Health Care Clinics) welcomes uninsured patients.

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Campus



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HEALTH CARE CLINICS

Clinics affiliated with area hospitals, or with nonprofit organizations that provide low-cost care to low-income and uninsured people.

Corner Health Center, 47 N. Huron, Ypsilanti 48197. (734) 484–3600. Provides primary and mental health care for young people ages 12 through 25 and their children. Providers includes board-certified physicians from the Michigan Medicine and the St. Joseph Mercy Health System. Services include physicals and wellness care, treatment for acute and chronic illnesses, reproductive health care, gender identity, counseling, and psychiatry. Accepts most private or public insurance. Services to young people regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay. Office hours: Mon. telehealth appts., Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed. 1–5 pm, and Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. cornerhealth.org

Hope Clinic, 518 Harriet, Ypsilanti 48197. (734) 484–2989. Free primary medical care for uninsured and underinsured patients. Mon.–Fri. 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday 8:30–11 a.m. Closed Sunday. info@thehopeclinic.org, thehopeclinic.org

Michigan Medicine Health Centers. Ann Arbor primary care centers: *Briarwood Family Medicine,* 1801 Briarwood Cir., bldg. 10; *Briarwood Medical Group,* 375 Briarwood Cir., bldg. 3; *Briarwood Center for Women, Children and Young Adults,* 400 E. Eisenhower Pkwy., bldg. 2, #B; *East Ann Arbor Health and Geriatrics Center,* 4260 Plymouth; *Domino's Farms,* 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr., lobby H; and *West Ann Arbor Health Center,* 4900 Jackson, #A. These clinics, open by appointment, serve people with many types of insurance coverage. Many have lab and X-ray capabilities and offer evening and weekend hours. uofmhealth.org/our-locations/primary-care-centers

Packard Health. *Packard Health Main,* 3174 Packard (734–971–1073), *Packard Health West,* 1915 Pauline Blvd. (734–926–4900). Family practice physicians for all ages. Preventive medicine; minor office surgery; vaccinations; integrated mental health care, substance abuse services, nutritional, social work, and health promotion services; and many other support services. All major HMOs and health insurances accepted, including Medicare and Medicaid. Sliding-scale fee available. Appointments required. Packard Health Main hours: Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Packard Health West hours: telehealth visits only during Covid-19. info@packardhealth.org, packardhealth.org

St. Joseph Mercy Neighborhood Family Health Center, Haab Health Bldg., 111 N. Huron, #200, Ypsilanti, 48197. (734) 547–7977. Primary care services for all ages. Washtenaw county residents with commercial insurance and the uninsured are welcome. Appointments required. Mon.–Tues. 7 a.m.–7:30 p.m., Wed.–Thurs. 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m., Fri. 7:20 a.m.– 5 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.–noon. stjoesannarbor.org/neighborhood-family-health-center

University Center for Language and Literacy (U-M Mary A. Rackham Institute), 1111 E. Catherine. (734) 615–7853. Serving people of all ages with language or literacy difficulties or impairments. Intensive therapy for people with aphasia, comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations to assess learning disabilities; reading problems; social language problems; special education needs; and additional factors in learning and cognition such as ADHD and mood/memory disorders. Reading intervention program offers assessments and one-on-one sessions for readers of all levels. ucll@umich.edu, mari.umich.edu/UCLL

URGENT CARE CLINICS

The following facilities provide walk-in treatment for non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries. In life-threatening situations, call 911.

Ann Arbor Urgent Care, 1000 E. Stadium. (734) 769–3333. Private clinic that accepts most insurances. Daily 9 a.m.–10 p.m. info@a2urgentcare.com, a2urgentcare.com

IHA Urgent Care-Domino's Farms, 4200 Whitehall, #150. (734) 995–0308. *No possible or confirmed Covid-19 patients permitted at this location. See website for information.* Offers pediatric and adult care services for minor illnesses and injuries. Sport physicals, flu shots, X-rays and ultrasounds, and more. Mon.–Fri. 7 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 8 a.m.–6 p.m. ihacares.com

IHA Urgent Care-WestArbor, 4350 Jackson, #230. (734) 887–4396. *No possible or confirmed Covid-19 patients permitted at this location. See website for information.* Offers pediatric and adult care services for minor illnesses and injuries. Sport physicals, flu shots, X-ray/ultrasound and more. Mon.–Fri. 7 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 8 a.m.–6 p.m. ihacares.com/locations/iha-urgent-care-westarbor

Michigan Medicine Children's Emergency Services, 1540 E. Hospital Dr. Emergency: Call 911. Treats medical/surgical emergencies and minor/major illnesses or injuries for children 20 and under. Located in the C. S. Mott Children's Hospital, 2nd floor. Daily 24 hours. mottchildren.org/conditions-treatments/ped-emergency-service

Michigan Urgent Care, 3280 Washtenaw. (734) 389–2000. *Covid-19 test site.* Physicals, flu shots, and urgent care facilities. Daily 8 a.m.–10 p.m., including holidays. Reserve a spot online. michiganurgentcare.com

St. Joseph Mercy Pediatric Emergency Department, 5301 McAuley, Ypsilanti. (734) 712–2760. Treats medical emergencies and illnesses in children 21 and under. Use the emergency entrance at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Open daily 9 a.m.–11 p.m.

HEALTH INFORMATION & PHYSICIAN REFERRAL

Cancer AnswerLine (Michigan Medicine). (800) 865–1125. Information on risk factors, prevention, diagnosis, treatment options, clinical trials, support services, and assistance in arranging appointments. Staffed by oncology registered nurses Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; after-hours calls returned next business day. canceranswerline@med.umich.edu, rogelcancercenter.org/about/cancer-answerline

Medicaid/Medicare Assistance (Catholic Social Services), 4925 Packard. (734) 971–9781, option 8. No-cost assistance for seniors and adults with disabilities in making informed decisions regarding health insurance and prescription drug coverage. All Medicare recipients eligible. csswashtenaw.org (click on Seniors).

Michigan Medicine Physician Referral Service, 1500 Medical Center. (734) 936–4000 (24 hrs). Refers callers to U-M physicians and services. Answers questions about office hours, locations, and specialty services. uofmhealth.org/find-a-physician

St. Joseph Mercy HealthLine, 5301 McAuley, Ypsilanti, 48197. (734) 712–5400, (800) 231–2211. Provides information about Saint Joseph Mercy Health System physician referral, classes, and services. stjoeshealth.org

ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

Bio Energy Medical Center, 4201 Varsity Dr. Ste. A. (734) 995–3200. Full-service holistic center specializing in alternative and complementary medicine for all ages. Chinese acupuncture, classical homeopathy, body detoxification, weight loss, health coaching, herbal medicine, autism specialist, women's health, and more. Mon.–Thurs. 8:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. bioenergymedicalcenter.com

Castle Remedies, 2345 S. Huron Pkwy. (734) 973–8990. Nutritional supplements, homeopathic remedies, herbs, essential oils, flower essences, gifts, jewelry, books, and classes. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.–4 p.m. info@castleremedies.com, castleremedies.com

Crazy Wisdom Bookstore, 114 S. Main. (734) 665–2757. Publishes the *Crazy Wisdom Community Journal* three times a year, plus an online edition. Includes feature articles, interviews, reportage, columns and personal essays about holistic health and integrative medicine, energy healing, acupuncture, conscious living, body/mind therapies, sustainability, and the health benefits of meditation and yoga, plus a calendar of local classes, workshops and events in related fields. crazywisdomjournal.com

Rudolf Steiner Health Center, 1422 W. Liberty. (734) 663–4365. Offers Life Force intensive two-week programs for those with chronic illness including cancer; holistic medicine and nursing care; nutrition counseling; art; massage; and movement therapies. Sliding-fee scale for the June support retreat. Cost for two-week programs is between $6,300 and $9,400 including room, organic vegetarian meals, and all medicines. Financial aid available. Other programs include fasting weekends twice yearly, detox weekends, medical internship program for 18–30 year-olds, home care workshops, and volunteer opportunities. rshc@steinerhealth.org, steinerhealth.org

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

A list of nonprofit treatment programs. ForAlanon/Alateen, see the Emergency Services section of this guide. For other 12-step and support groups, see AnnArborObserver.com:recovery. .

Dawn Farm, 6633 Stony Creek, Ypsilanti. (734) 485–8725. Provides a continuum of addiction treatment and recovery support services, including long-term residential treatment, adult and adolescent

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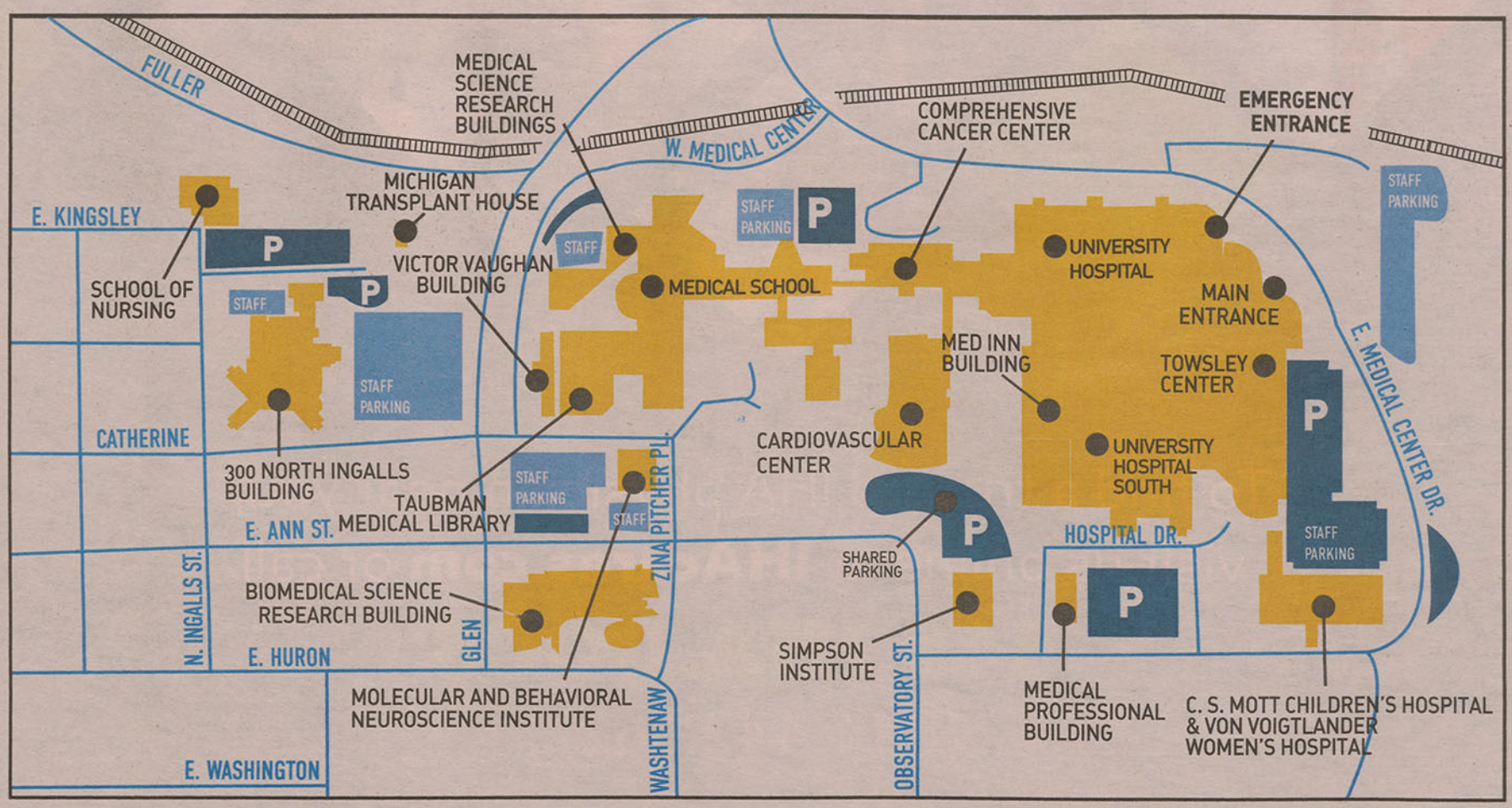

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At the height of the pandemic in the spring of 2020, Michigan Medicine's University Hospital added 150 intensive care beds.

outpatient treatment, sub-acute detoxification, transitional housing, and outreach to at-risk populations. info@dawnfarm.org, dawnfarm.org

Greenbrook Recovery Center (SJMHS), 5401 McAuley, Ypsilanti. (734) 786–4900. Dual diagnosis chemical dependency and mental health treatment center. Offers intensive outpatient services to adults. Licensed therapists, psychiatrists, and addictionologists. Accepts most major insurances. stjoesannarbor.org/OutpatientChemicalDependencyProgram

Home of New Vision, 3115 Professional. (734) 975–1602. Behavioral health treatment center specializing in substance use disorder (SUD) treatment for adults and prevention and education services adults and youths. Recovery-based housing for men and women, outpatient therapy, residential treatment, withdrawal management, co-occurring services (substance use combined with mental health), stand-alone mental health services, support groups for men and women; assessment and referral services, driver's license reinstatement evaluations, case management, peer supports: supporting multiple pathways and the Women's Specialty Program. Also, the Engagement Center, crisis intervention facility. Some services are free or based on a very low-cost sliding-fee scale for Washtenaw County residents. admin@homeofnewvision.org, homeofnewvision.org

Michigan Medicine Addiction Treatment Services, 4250 Plymouth (Rachel Upjohn Bldg.). (734) 764–0231, (800) 525–5188. Provides assessment and personalized outpatient treatment (individual, group, and family therapy) for people who have problems with alcohol or other drugs, including outpatient detox and psychiatric services. Intensive outpatient treatment available for recovering adolescents and adults including health professionals. Accepts most insurances except Medicaid. Offering virtual visits and accepting new patients. umaddictioncenter.org/clinical-care

CHILDBIRTH

Medical services only. For other services, see AnnArborObserver.com: childbirth.

Michigan Medicine Nurse-Midwifery Service, 4260 Plymouth. (734) 647–5660. Certified nurse-midwives provide preconception counseling, prenatal and postnatal care, and deliver babies. They also offer gynecological exams and information on nutrition, exercise, labor, breast-feeding, and parenting. uofmhealth.org/conditions-treatments/nurse-midwifery

St. Joseph Mercy Family Birth Center (SJMHS), 5301 McAuley, Ypsilanti. (734) 712–0331. Comprehensive care for mother and baby, including OB triage, surgical facilities, a neonatal intensive care unit, and private labor and delivery rooms with bathrooms and showers. Nurse-midwives and lactation consultants on staff. Prenatal education classes and tours are available. stjoeshealth.org/birthcenter

Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital (Michigan Medicine), 1540 E. Hospital Dr. (855) 589–6626. Obstetric and gynecology clinic. Single-room labor, delivery, recovery, and postpartum care in a homelike setting. Newborns may stay in their mothers' rooms. Immediate access to Brandon Newborn Intensive Care Unit and to surgical facilities. umwomenshealth.org/our-locations/womens-hospital

DENTAL SERVICES

Community Dental Center, 406 N. Ashley. (734) 998–9640. Staffed by U-M School of Dentistry faculty and students. Most insurances accepted. Financial assistance available. Mon.–Thurs. 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m.–1 p.m. dent.umich.edu/cdc

Hope Clinic, 518 Harriet, Ypsilanti 48197. (734) 480–9575. Provides free general preventive and restorative care to those without dental insurance or the ability to pay for dental care. Services include cleanings, fluoride treatments, fillings, extractions, and limited referrals for specialty needs. Appointment required. No emergency care or walk-ins. Very limited capacity. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–noon & 1–5 p.m. denclinic@thehopeclinic.org, thehopeclinic.org/dental-care

My Community Dental Center (MCDC), 111 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Appointments: (877) 313–6232. A collaboration between Washtenaw County Health Department, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, Washtenaw Health Plan, and My Community Dental Centers. Serves adults and children enrolled in Medicaid, MIChild, or Healthy Kids Dental, or who are uninsured and low income. Reduced fees for uninsured veterans. All new patients must call or fill out online form to register. For patients without insurance, there is a $39 registration fee that includes initial exam, x-rays, and a treatment plan. Services are lower cost, but not free. For residents who need help paying for treatment, the Washtenaw County Dental Assistance Fund is available. washtenaw.org/smile

U-M Delta Dental Integrated Special Care Clinic, 1011 North University. (734) 763–6933. For patients over 16 years old. Care for patients with special needs, such as cerebral palsy, developmental/intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, Parkinson's, chronic heart disease, etc. Initial evaluation at U-M School of Dentistry patient admitting. dent.umich.edu/patient-care/delta-dental-integrated-special-care-clinic

U-M School of Dentistry, 1011 North University. (734) 763–6933, (888) 707–2500. Faculty and students provide all types of dental treatment. Student clinics have reduced fees; discounted campus parking. Emergency care available. Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. by appointment. dent.umich.edu/patients

Washtenaw District Dental Society. Find a Michigan Dental Association member who practices in the Washtenaw County area. Ten general and specialty categories to choose from. washtenawdentalsociety.org

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DISABILITY SERVICES

Adapted Recreation (Ann Arbor Public Schools Department of Community Education & Recreation), 1515 S. Seventh. (734) 994–2300, ext. 53203. For those age 16 and older with mental or physical challenges. Cooperative Cooking and other classes, Fun Nite Out, seasonal parties, and Strike Force Bowling League. jollys@a2schools.org, aareced.com

Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living, 3941 Research Park. (734) 971–0277. Works with and on behalf of people with disabilities toward successes at home, at work, at school, and in the community through information and referrals, peer consultation, independent living skills training, systems advocacy, benefits counseling, career services, small business development, youth services, and referrals to all-abilities recreation. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. info@aacil.org, annarborcil.org **V**

Assistive Media, 400 Maynard. (734) 834–3034. Produces audio-based periodicals, short stories, and non-fiction books to serve people with reading and/or visual disabilities. Recordings available online. assistivemedia.org **V**

Community Alliance, 301 W. Michigan Ave., #102, Ypsilanti 48197. (734) 482–3300. Supports and empowers people with developmental disabilities to achieve the highest possible level of independence and self-sufficiency through direct support services and fiscal intermediary services. kgrant@communityalliance.com, communityalliance-mi.org

Down Syndrome Support Team, 9227 Fieldstone, Saline 48176. (313) 608–7374. Resources for families and friends of people with Down Syndrome. downsyndromesupportteam.com

Intentional Communities of Washtenaw. Association of parents, families, friends, and Catholic Social Services dedicated to creating sustainable housing communities for disabled individuals regardless of their race, religion, or ability to pay. Creates housing

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Judson Center Autism Connections, 3917 Research Park Drive, #B-1A. (734) 794–2930. Provides applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy for those with a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) beginning at age two. Many insurances accepted, including Medicaid. Mon.–Fri. 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. autism@judsoncenter.org, judsoncenter.org **V**

Washtenaw Learning Disabilities Association (WLDA). Information, resources, and support to individuals with learning disabilities and their families living in Washtenaw County. Supports tutors working with students with learning disabilities and periodically provides training for tutors, teachers, and parents. Funds tutoring scholarships for students who have learning disabilities. Co-sponsors the annual Preparing for Tomorrow Conference, assisting high school juniors and seniors with the transition to college or employment. washtenawlda.org **V**

Michigan Ability Partners, 3810 Packard, #260. (734) 975–6880. Housing and vocational services for veterans and others with disabilities including job placement and coaching, transitional work training, and career planning. Also, housing placement, development, eviction prevention, supportive services, and personal financial management, (representative payee service). info@mapagency.org, mapagency.org **V**

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Washtenaw County, 22 Center, Ypsilanti 48198. (734) 481–2000. Financial assistance for people with disabilities. Helps with expenses such as rent, utilities, food, and clothes. Income, assets, and residency requirements apply. Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. or apply online at michigan.gov/mdhhs

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity), 3810 Packard, #170. (734) 677–1125, (877) 901–9195. Vocational rehabilitation services focused on achieving employment for individuals with disabilities in Washtenaw and Livingston Counties. Call or visit michigan.gov/mrs

Partners in Personal Assistance, 3840 Packard, #150. (734) 214–3890. Offers ways for people with disabilities and seniors to make decisions about their care. Clients choose and supervise their own personal assistants. info@annarborppa.org, annarborppa.org

St. Louis Center/St. Louis Guanella Village, 16195 Old US-12, Chelsea 48118. (734) 475–8430. Residential care community for adults and children age 5 to 70+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). **Slated for completion Fall 2020: Guanella Village.** Five buildings for housing families or individuals. Assisted living, respite, and community fitness services available. mail@stlouiscenter.org, stlouiscenter.org **S**

Therapeutic Riding Inc., 3425 E. Morgan. (734) 677–0303. Therapeutic horseback riding for area youth and adults with cognitive, physical, and emotional disabilities. No riding experience required for participants or volunteers. Volunteers must be at least age 14, attend orientation, and pass a background check. info@therapeuticridinginc.org, therapeuticridinginc.org **V**

Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy, 1100 N. Main, #205. (734) 662–1256. Advocacy for people with disabilities, to provide them with choices, opportunities, and support for full inclusion in community life. Assists youths with disabilities, ages 18–26, to transition from K–12 education and children's services to community-based services and supports. Also assists individuals with disabilities to obtain accommodations to navigate the court system, Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, and the Michigan Family Support Subsidy. info@washtenawaca.org, washtenawaca.org

Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled, 343 S. Fifth (Ann Arbor District Library). (734) 327–4224. For people of all ages who are unable to read or use standard-print materials due to a temporary or permanent visual or physical disability. Book players, books, magazines, and videos in downloadable, USB cartridge, large print, and braille formats are mailed and returned via the USPS at no charge. Apply for services by phone or email. Hours vary. wlbpd@aadl.org, wlbpd.aadl.org

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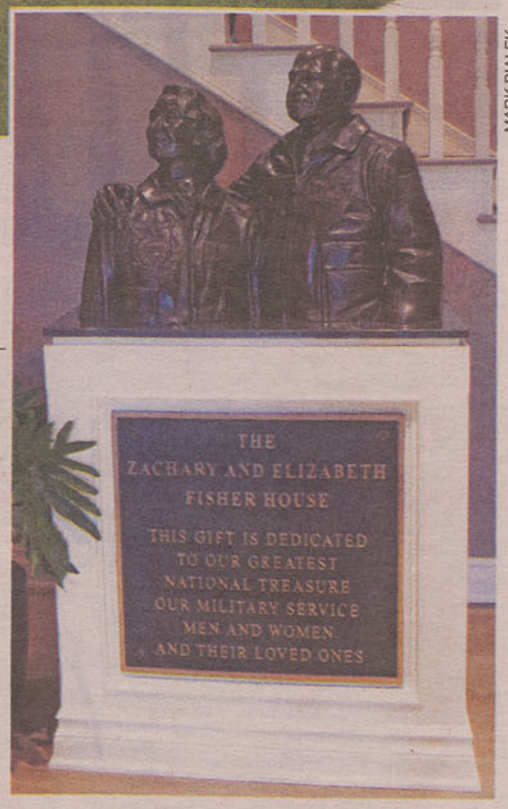

Fisher House Michigan executive director Kate Melcher was won over on a visit to a Fisher House in Florida. She's shown at the Ann Arbor house with management assistant John Whittenburg and her service dog, "cat."

Fisher House

A home away from home for veterans' families

When veterans and active service members need care at a Veterans Administration hospi !, their loved ones will often want to be nea.. But the logistics can be overwhelming and the cost prohibitive—particularly if the patient needs services beyond the scope of nearby VA hospitals. Because the Ann Arbor VA has a partnership with Michigan Medicine, it can treat those who battle unusual and complex illnesses, and it attracts vets from distant states.

Enter the new Fisher House Michigan, a home-style residence on the Ann Arbor VA grounds. Everything is free. And with necessities on hand, families don't have to shop, park, or leave the hospital area for anything else.

The goal is to create a home away from home and an instant community. "The moment you set foot in Fisher House, you see it is not a government building. It is not a hotel. It's the nicest home many have stayed in," says Kate Melcher, executive director of Fisher House Michigan.

Melcher, an Army vet, discovered Fisher House when her then-husband returned from service requiring treatment at Eglin Air Force Base Hospital on Florida's Emerald Coast. They lived too close to the base for her to be eligible for a stay at the Fisher House there, but when she knocked on the door, "a woman with a thick Southern accent hugged me and asked if I take cream or sugar." After visiting for just an hour, Melcher says she experienced the impact of Fisher House. She subsequently moved to Michigan and became involved as plans developed for houses in Ann Arbor, then Detroit.

The first two Fisher Houses opened in 1990 in Bethesda, MD, and Washington, D.C. Today there are eighty-eight at VA medical centers throughout the United States and in Germany. They have something in common with Ronald McDonald Houses, family housing near children's hospitals, but they are smaller. "Fisher Houses have from eight to twenty-one private family suites, with common areas so that families can get to know each other as they did in the service when they lived on bases," says Melcher.

There are sixteen suites in the Ann Arbor facility, plus common kitchen, laundry, dining, and family rooms. In better days, guests at Fisher Houses often favored time in the family room. But Ann Arbor Fisher House opened in June 2020, in the middle of the pandemic. Instead of family style meals, guests distance in the spacious dining room and wear masks in common areas.

Melcher is quick to point out that the couple who initiated the project, Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher, were unrelated to the Detroit auto family. "Zachary Fisher built and managed millions of square feet of New York City real estate," she says. Unable to serve in WWII because of an injury sustained in a construction accident, "he adopted the military" to make up for it. The Fishers, now both deceased, donated more than $20 million to the construction of these homes.

Formed in 2016, Fisher House Michigan has raised over $7.5 million toward its $27.5 million goal. The Ann Arbor house cost $7 million to build. Private gifts and grants are used to fund the construction of houses, which are then gifted to the VA, which promises to maintain them at the original quality. "If we have 800 thread count sheets when a house opens, we have to replace them with 800 thread count when the sheets wear out," says Melcher. They keep administrative costs low, relying on volunteers for much of the operations, so all donations can meet the needs of families.

Donations come from large corporations and private individuals. "A donor from Clinton township sends a dollar a month every month. The Ugly Dog Distillery in Chelsea retooled to make hand sanitizer for every bedroom. Jiffy Mix from Chelsea makes sure pancakes are always available. Individuals, corporations, and veteran groups and auxiliaries provide essential financial support. Our community built this house and continues to take care of the families," says Melcher. "It takes a village."

—Davi Napoleon

FAMILY PLANNING

ArborWoman, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive Lobby L, #2200. (734) 994–8863. Pregnancy testing, limited obstetrical ultrasound exams, pregnancy options education, post-abortion and pregnancy loss counseling, educational resources including safe sleep, labor & delivery, and fertility education, and community resource referrals. Please note: does not refer or perform abortions. Request an appointment online or by phone, same day appointments offered. All services free & confidential. Mon.–Fri. 9–5 p.m. arborwoman.com

Planned Parenthood, 3100 Professional (734) 973–0710 2370 W. Stadium (734) 929–9480. Annual well-woman exams, pap smears, STD and HIV testing, LGBTQ services, pregnancy testing and options information, prenatal care. No-exam birth control visits, emergency contraception, IUDs, and implants. STI and abnormal pap treatments including: colposcopy, cryotherapy and LEEP. Abortion care, permanent birth control (Essure), and sexuality education programs. Medicaid and Healthy Michigan accepted; sliding-scale fee. Online appointments. contact@ppmi.org, ppmi.org

HOSPICE & HOME HEALTH CARE

Medicare/Medicaid-certified hospice care providers for the terminally ill, as well as hospital-affiliated

and nonprofit home health care providers for patients with non-life-threatening illnesses. For nonmedical, in-home, and day care facilities, see Seniors.

Arbor Hospice. (888) 992–2273. Assists with home hospice care and grief support. Live-in facility in Saline. arborhospice.org

Michigan Medicine Home Care Services, 2850 S. Industrial. Departments include **Michigan Visiting Nurses,** (734- 677–1515), with nurses aides, and rehabilitation therapists serving individuals and families in their homes; **HomeMed,** (734–975–3006), home infusion pharmacy; **Wheelchair Seating Services,** (877–868–8889), with specialty mobility device services. homecare.med.umich.edu

St. Joseph Mercy Home Care and Hospice. (734) 343–7500. Nursing, rehabilitation, pain management, medical social workers certified home health aides, and hospice/palliative care services. stjoesannarbor.org/Hospice

MENTAL HEALTH

Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program (SJMHS), 5301 McAuley, Ypsilanti. (734) 712–5750. Provides diagnostic and treatment services for emotional and behavioral problems that interfere with an adolescent's ability to function at home, school and in the community. For adolescents ages 12–18. Conditions treated include academic failure, eating disorders, and depression. stjoeshealth.org, (click on Find a specialty, then behavioral health.)

Behavioral Health Services (Catholic Social Services), 4925 Packard. (734) 971–9781. Licensed social workers and psychologists counsel individuals, couples, and families; in-depth assessment and short-term therapy based on needs of client, including substance abuse assessment and treatment. Many insurance and managed care plans accepted. csswashtenaw.org/counseling

Community Mental Health (Washtenaw County Services for the Mentally Ill, Intellectual /Developmentally Disabled, and Substance Use Disorders). Screening and referral through Health Services Access, (734) 544–3050 or (800) 440–7548. Provides specialty services to the severely and persistently mentally ill, adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities, and children with severe emotional disturbances or intellectual/developmental disabilities. Services include medication, case management, specialized counseling, vocational services, respite and IDDT/co-occurring services (for individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders). Information and referrals for mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, serious emotional disturbance, and substance use disorder programs for Medicaid eligible and uninsured children and adults in Washtenaw County. Additional programs include Project Outreach (PORT: jail diversion and homeless services), and OBRA (nursing home screening and treatment). washtenaw.org/wccmh

HomeFront Strong, 2025 Traverwood #C. (734) 998–2205. An 8-week program for military and veteran spouses/partners that focuses on building positive relationships, learning new approaches to self-care, connecting to resources, and promoting resiliency and positive coping. Simultaneous children's program for participating families. An online version of the program is also available. m-span.org/our-programs/homefront-strong

Michigan Medicine Adult Psychiatry Programs. Psychiatric emergency: (734) 936–5900 Outpatient appointments: (734) 764–0231. Outpatient and short-term inpatient treatment for depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, and other mental illnesses. Marital and couples therapy, psychotherapy, and group therapy. Emphasis on cognitive-behavioral and biological approaches. medicine.umich.edu/dept/psychiatry

Michigan Medicine Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Program, 1500 Medical Center Dr. (inpatient) or 4250 Plymouth Rd. (outpatient). Psychiatric emergency: (734) 936–5900 Outpatient appointments: (734) 764–0231; (800) 525–5188. Outpatient and inpatient short-term treatment for autism and depression, and mood, behavior, attention deficit, anxiety, trauma, eating, and pervasive developmental disorders. medicine.umich.edu/dept/psychiatry

National Alliance on Mental Illness Washtenaw County (NAMI), 1100 N. Main. (734) 994–6611. Provides support, education, and advocacy for individuals affected by brain disorders such as depression, schizophrenia, PTSD, bipolar disorder, and others; works to eradicate stigma and discrimination associated with these conditions. Online newsletter, support groups for individuals with mental health conditions regardless of diagnosis and their families and friends, as well as for parents of children with suicidal ideation, an annual conference, and NAMI signature educational programs including Family-to-Family, Peer-to-Peer, and Ending the Silence. Office open Mon. & Thurs. 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Tues.1–4 p.m., office@namiwc.org, namiwc.org

Restoration Counseling Services (POWER, Inc.), 1601 Stamford, Superior Twp. (734) 961–1990. In-home and on-site counseling for individuals, families, and groups. Accepts Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Medicare, Medicaid, TriCare, and Military OneSource. Sliding-fee rates. Christian counseling available. Social work home care services provided for referred clients released from hospitals and rehabilitation nursing homes. vscott@powerclf.org, powerclf.org

Room to Talk, 1100 Victors Way #10. (734) 973–6779. Therapy across the gender spectrum (including gender-fluid and trans-) for individuals 16 and older. Takes many insurances plus some Medicaid HMO plans. info@roomtotalk.org, roomtotalk.org

Thrive Counseling (Jewish Family Services), 2245 S. State. (734) 436–4249. CARF accredited therapists committed to providing accessible, holistically oriented and culturally sensitive counseling to children, adults, families, and couples regardless of their ability to pay. hello@thrivecounselinga2.com, thrivecounselinga2.com

University Center for the Child and Family (UCCF), 500 E. Washington, #100. (734) 615–7853. Offers comprehensive, integrative mental health services to all area children, couples, and families. Autism, ADHD, and psychoeducational testing. Free and low-cost workshops include Parenting Through Separation and Divorce, and ADHD/Learning Disabilities workshops. Applied behavior analysis (ABA). Many insurances accepted. Services provided by professional staff, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate-level students under close supervision. mari.umich.edu/uccf

University Psychological Clinic, 500 E. Washington St., #100. (734) 615–7853. Provides mental health services to adults in the community, as well as U-M students, faculty, and staff, to assistwith psychological and interpersonal difficulties. Address both specific symptoms and problematic patterns of many mental health issues. Services are integrative. Clinical expertise in a variety of therapeutic approaches. mari.umich.edu/psych

The Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan, 1100 Victors Way, #10. (734) 973–6779. Personal counseling (via phone and video), across the gender spectrum, individual job and financial coaching, mom and infant support group, black college women support group, help with community resources, mindfulness and communication skills group, women-specific divorce/break-up education and support. Major insurances plus sliding-scale fees. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; evenings by appointment. info@womenscentersemi.org, womenscentersemi.org

Michigan Medicine Depression Center, 4250 Plymouth (Rachel Upjohn Bldg.). (734) 764–0231. Interdisciplinary center dedicated to treatment, research, education, and public policy in depressive and bipolar illnesses. Clinics, speakers bureau, workshops, support groups, and lending library. depressioncenter.org

St. Joseph Mercy Outpatient Behavioral Services, 2006 Hogback, #1. (800) 289–0014, (734) 786–2301. Outpatient psychotherapy for depression, anxiety, and situational adjustment. Psychiatric evaluation and medication management. Treatment for individuals, couples, and families. Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. stjoesannarbor.org/BehavioralHealth

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DELIVERY

HomeTown Pharmacy, 2355 E. Stadium. (734) 747–8080. Prescription home delivery service. Can include over-the-counter items with prescription. annarbor@hometownpharmacy.com, hometownpharmacy.com

Kroger Pharmacy, 2641 PLYMOUTH (734) 994–0180 400 S. MAPLE (734) 213–5343 3200 CARPENTER Ypsilanti. (734) 971–7283. Free prescription delivery. Pharmacy hours: Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Stadium Pharmacy, 1930 W. Stadium. (734) 913–4752. Home delivery of prescriptions within a 10-mile radius. facebook.com/pages/Stadium-Pharmacy/140195196060735

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Unified - HIV Health and Beyond, 2287 Ellsworth #B, Ypsilanti 48197 (next to Ypsi Family Pharmacy). (734) 572–9355, (800) 872–2437: HIV/STD Hotline, Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. or chat online. Medical and non-medical case management and housing assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m-5 p.m. By appointment same-day HIV testing Tues. 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Wed. 5–8 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. HIV/AIDS education and resources, training, and support groups. Hepatitis C testing, syringe services, and overdose prevention, and more. info@miunified.org, miunified.org

Washtenaw County Public Health Department Sexual Health Services, 555 Towner, Ypsilanti. Appointments: (734) 544–6840. Offers free confidential or anonymous HIV testing, counseling and testing, diagnosis, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STI/STD). Partner notification services and PrEP, (HIV prevention medication for individuals at high risk), vaccinations and more. Call for appointment. Walk-in pregnancy testing available Mon.–Fri., 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., based on nurse availability. Bring Medicaid card. Assistance applying for insurance. Without insurance, $40 minimum for office visit, but no one will be turned away. Currently cannot bill private insurance. washtenaw.org/sexualhealth

TRANSPORTATION

If you need an ambulance in an emergency, call 911.

Care Transport, 4180 Packard. Office (734) 434–6786, dispatch (734) 216–4231. 24-hour nonemergency room-to-room transport, including from hospital to home, for ambulatory and nonambulatory patients. Same day service available; reservations preferred at least 24 hours in advance. info@caretransport.us, caretransport.us

Huron Valley Ambulance, 1200 State Cir. (734) 994–4111. Emergency medical services throughout Washtenaw County. Non-emergency ambulance available for medically necessary transports. Wheelchair transportation available for seniors and those with physical disabilities. Member Care membership program covers out-of-pocket costs for emergency transports. communityrelations@emergenthealth.org, hva.org

MedSync Transportation & Services, 2035 Hogback. (734) 646–8846. Provides personal and shared nonemergency medical transportation in southeast Michigan, offering same-day services and scheduled runs up to 500 miles. Wheelchair-accessible vehicles. medsynctransportation.com

WASHTENAW COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Provides health and environmental health services, data and health information, and works to ensure all residents have the opportunity to live a healthy life. Many programs assist individuals and families with lower incomes or Medicaid coverage. washtenaw.org/1129/health-department

Children's Special Health Care Services, 555 Towner, Ypsilanti 48198. (734) 544–9700. Helps to pay for specialty medical bills and coordinate services for children and some adults with certain chronic medical conditions. Families of all incomes are eligible, even those with health insurance. katkac@washtenaw.org, washtenaw.org/cshcs

Public Health Services, 555 Towner, Ypsilanti. (734) 544–6700. Promotes health and works to prevent disease and injury. Services include vaccinations, HIV and STI testing, blood lead testing, Women, Infants & Children (WIC), Maternal Infant Health Program, Children's Special Health Care Services, hearing and vision screenings, tuberculosis control, community health assessment, the Washtenaw County Dental Clinic, and consultation on controlling infectious disease outbreaks, including animal bites and rabies risk. washtenaw.org/health

Washtenaw County WIC (Women, Infants & Children), 555 Towner, Ypsilanti. (734) 544–6800. Nutrition program for women, infants and children that provides healthy foods, nutrition tips, breastfeeding support, health care referrals, and community information. A family of 4 can earn up to $3,970 before taxes per month and qualify for WIC. ypsilantiwic@yahoo.com, washtenaw.org/1392/women-infants-children-WIC

Washtenaw Health Plan (WHP), 555 Towner, Ypsilanti. (734) 544–3030. Call-in only during to Covid-19. Helps individuals enroll in health care coverage. WHP staff assists with Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, Healthy Kids, MIChild, the U.S. government health care marketplace, and the Washtenaw Health Plan. Walk-In or make appointment Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. healthcarecounts.org

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center (SJMHS), 5320 Elliott, Ypsilanti. (734) 712–5800. Breast care services; bone density testing; diabetes education; incontinence clinic; health classes; fitness assessments; weight management programs; and a health information library. stjoeshealth.org/womenshealthcenter

Michigan Medicine Breast Care Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr., (Rogel Cancer Center). (734) 936–6000. Comprehensive diagnosis and care for breast cancer and benign breast problems. mcancer.org/breast-cancer/breast-cancer-center

Michigan Medicine Breast Imaging. (734) 936–4500. Diagnostic and screening mammography, breast ultrasound, core biopsy, MRI, and other services; services vary depending on location. Three Ann Arbor locations. uofmhealth.org/conditions-treatments/breast-imaging-mammography

HOSPITAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Michigan Medicine. (800) 888–9825. Support and education groups for inpatients and outpatients, and their family members. Groups for heart transplant & LVAD, ALS, amputation, cystic fibrosis, pediatric cranial facial, rheumatology, lung transplant, diabetes, gender identity, and more. uofmhealth.org/conditions-treatments/support-groups

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. (800) 231–2211. Various groups for patients and their family members suffering from specific medical conditions including Alzheimer's disease, amputation, brain injury, breast cancer, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, cardiovascular disease, prostate cancer, stroke, and more. stjoeshealth.org/classes

INDEPENDENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Alzheimer's Association of Michigan—Great Lakes Chapter, 564 S. Main, #200. Dial-in support and info: (800) 272–3900. Free education programs, support groups, and care planning for families and caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease. Seven meeting locations. alz.org/mglc

Ann Arbor Area ADHD/ADD Support Group. For adults with ADHD. Monthly meetings include education, resources, and support. No dues. Check website for meeting dates and times. meetup.com/AnnArbor-ADHD-ADD-Support, chadd.org

ArborEpilepsy. Online forum for people with epilepsy and the parents and caregivers of people with epilepsy. groups.io/g/ArborEpilepsy, facebook.com/groups/arborepilepsy

Brain Injury Association. (800) 444–6443. Support group for those affected by brain injury. Meets 1st Thurs. 6 p.m., at Ypsilanti Senior Citizens Center, 1015 N. Congress, Ypsilanti. info@biami.org, biami.org (click on Support and Support Groups)

Cancer Support Community of Greater Ann Arbor, 2010 Hogback, #3. (734) 975–2500. Free support services for all people affected by cancer including family members, friends, & children. Professionally-led support groups, educational workshops, cooking & nutrition classes, stress management/exercise classes (yoga, tai chi, & meditation), social events & children and teen programs. info@cancersupportannarbor.org, cancersupportannarbor.org

Gluten-Free Ann Arbor. Support group for people who are eating gluten-free food because of celiac disease or for other reasons, such as to help a child with autism. Hosts online discussion email list and databases of celiac-aware restaurants, grocery stores, and health care practitioners. Meets occasionally; join email list or FB group anytime. gfaa@unixmama.com, groups.io/g/GlutenFreeAnnArbor, facebook.com/groups/GlutenFreeAnnArbor

Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan, 1921 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti. (734) 544–0015. Social, educational, medical, and support services for families and individuals with hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, other coagulation disorders, and related complications including HIV/AIDS and hepatitis. Individual counseling, summer camping programs, retreats, community events, advocacy, financial assistance, academic scholarships, and medical alert tags. hfm@hfmich.org, hfmich.org

Multiple Myeloma Support Group. Mary Norat: (734) 645–1713 for online or phone meetings. Patient-run support group consisting of patients, caregivers, and health-care professionals. Meets first Tues. (except July) 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Specialty Centers Area, Women's Health Center, #1A. annarbormyelomagroup@yahoo.com, annarbor.support.myeloma.org

Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Support Group. Jody Burton Slowins, facilitator, (734) 663–0785. For people with MS, their families, friends, and personal assistants working with an attendee. Meets every Mon. 7–8:30 p.m. Meetings are free and strictly confidential. Please contact Jody prior to attending. Center for Independent Living, 3941 Research Park. nmssmi.org

Washtenaw County HELP Meeting. Meetings on hold during Covid-19. Herpes support group chartered by the American Social Health Association (ASHA). Confidential support, education, and medical advice. Meets 3rd Wed. in the months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., Dec. 7–8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center (bldg. 5305, rm. 2B25 - on 2nd floor across from elevator). WCHFacilitator@aol.com, metrodetroithelp.org/X_Washtenaw_County_HELP_Meeting.asp ■

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CITY ELECTIONS

Ann Arbor holds **city and school board elections** concurrently with federal, state, county and school board elections on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in even-numbered years. **Township and village elections** are every 4 years to coincide with national presidential elections. For all elections, polls are open 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

You can **register to vote** at your city or township clerk's office or at a Secretary of State branch office. To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 on Election Day and a 30–day resident at your local address. Michigan voters may register to vote by mail at least 15–days prior to an election or in-person at their local clerk's office as late as Election Day.

Those interested in working as an **election inspector** may fill out an application approximately 60 days before a city election. Applications are available at a2gov.org/elections. Inspectors are paid $13/hour & up, depending on experience. To serve, you must be registered to vote in the State of Michigan and work well with people.

To help select candidates, each major party has a **primary** on the day after the first Mon. in Aug. (In many places, including Ann Arbor, one party currently holds most of all offices, so the primary is the election that really matters). For more information, contact the county headquarters of the Democratic Party (734–330–5225) or the Republican Party (734–996–9467).

Political parties and other groups active in local government are online at AnnArborObserver.com: Advocacy and Politics.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The **Guy C. Larcom Jr. City Hall** and the **Ann Arbor Justice Center** are separate buildings with a shared address: 301 E. Huron.

Services located at **Larcom City Hall** include: (1st floor) Customer Service Center and Community Services; (2nd floor) Clerk's Office and Council Chambers; (3rd floor) City Administrator, City Attorney, Mayor's Office and Communications Office; (4th floor) Engineering and Systems Planning; (5th floor) Assessor, Treasury, Sustainability and Finance; (6th floor) Human Resources and Public Services Administration. Services located at the Justice Center include the 15th District Court, Ann Arbor Police Department, and City Information Technology Unit.

For **general information,** see the city website at a2gov.org, or call the customer service center, (734) 794–6320.

City Council & Mayor

For information about the Ann Arbor City Council and issues currently before it, see a2gov.org/agenda, or call the Ann Arbor city clerk at (734) 794–6140. If you want to see changes made in any city law, rule or procedure, call your council representatives. To learn who they are, see a2gov.org/departments/city-council/Pages/Home.aspx

City council adopts the city's annual budget and determines city laws and policies. It has 11 members: 2 from each of the city's 5 wards, plus the mayor. Ward representatives are paid $16,231.76/year. Council members are elected to staggered 4–year terms: 1 seat in each ward is filled in a partisan election every even-year November (see Elections). Ann Arbor has not elected a Republican officeholder since 2003, so **the August Democratic primary almost always decides the council's membership**. All candidates in 2020 are running as Democrats.

Regular **city council meetings** are held the 1st & 3rd Mon. at 7 p.m. in the council chambers, 2nd floor of City Hall. Agendas for council meetings and notices of public hearings are posted at a2gov.org/agenda. Special and working sessions, open to the public, are conducted as needed; notice is posted in City Hall and at a2gov.legistar.com/calendar. Public comment time is available at all meetings, and all meetings are broadcast live on the city's Community Television Network. See a2gov.org/ctn for replay times or to view meetings live online or via video on demand.

Ten 3–minute slots are available for **public comment** at the beginning of each regular council meeting. Sign-up for speaking slots begins at 8 a.m. the day of the meeting; call (734) 794–6140) to sign up. Members of the public may address council at the end of each meeting. **Persons with disabilities** can arrange accommodations, including sign-language interpreters, by contacting the city clerk's office, 301 E. Huron, 2nd floor (734–794–6140, a2gov.org/departments/city-clerk/Pages/default.aspx). Requests must be made at least two business days before meeting times.

MARK BIALEK

Ann Arbor's first protected bike lane, on William St., links the Old West Side and the U-M Central Campus.

Mayor, Larcom City Hall, 3rd floor. (734) 794–6161. The mayor, elected in a partisan election every 4 years, presides over city council and is a voting member; leads council in setting policy and approving the budget; nominates members of boards and commissions, subject to confirmation by city council; has the power to veto most council actions; has certain police powers in emergencies; and acts as ceremonial head of the city.

Administrator's Office

City Administrator, 301 E. Huron, Larcom City Hall, 3rd floor. (734) 794–6110. The city administrator is responsible for the executive management of the city's diverse operations. The city administrator provides leadership, vision, and direction for city services, implements city council policy, and works with council and administrative staff to craft strategic and financial planning objectives. a2gov.org/departments

Clerk, 301 E. Huron, Larcom City Hall, 2nd floor. (734) 794–6140. City clerk Jacqueline Beaudry and her staff provide services to the public and city council and maintain records of city council acts. Many documents and records are available online: a2gov.org/clerk

Communications Office, 301 E. Huron, Larcom City Hall, 3rd floor. (734) 794–6152. Communications Director Lisa Wondrash oversees all aspects of the city's communication activities, including media relations, employee communications, social media, website content, and the Community Television Network (794–6150; 2805 S. Industrial, #200). Supported by cable franchise fees, CTN produces local programming and offers Ann Arbor residents and nonprofit organizations free media production training. a2gov.org/ctn

Human Resources Services, 301 E. Huron, Larcom City Hall, 6th floor. (734) 794–6120. Human Resources is responsible for recruitment and hiring, employee/labor relations, employee benefits, compensation, and worker's compensation. Open positions are posted online at a2gov.org, (Click on Departments)

Attorney

301 E. Huron, Larcom City Hall, 3rd floor. (734) 794–6170. City attorney Stephen Postema and his staff provide legal advice to the city council and city officials; prepare legal documents; represent the city and its officials in lawsuits and labor matters; and prosecute violations of city ordinances. The city attorney does not provide legal advice to citizens.

Boards & Commissions

The city has 34 citizen boards, commissions, and committees. Go to tinyurl.com/yy5m7s82 for full list with descriptions, vacancies, and an application form, or call the Mayor's Office at (734) 794–6161.

Ann Arbor City Council

Mayor

Christopher Taylor (D), 301 E. Huron, 48104. (734) 794–6161. Term expires Nov. 2022. ctaylor@a2gov.org

Ward 1

Anne Bannister (D), 612 N. Main, Ann Arbor 48104. (734) 945–1639. Term expires Nov. 2020. ABannister@a2gov.org

Jeff Hayner (D), 1807 Pontiac Trail, 48105. (734) 255–6085. Term expires Nov. 2022. jhayner@a2gov.org

Ward 2

Jane Lumm (I), 3075 Overridge, 48104. (734) 677–4010. Term expires Nov. 2020. JLumm@a2gov.org

Kathy Griswold (D), 3565 Fox Hunt, 48105. (734) 657–7900. Term expires Nov. 2022. kgriswold@a2gov.org

Ward 3

Julie Grand (D), 1604 Brooklyn, 48104. (734) 678–7567. Term expires Nov. 2022. JGrand@a2gov.org

Zachary Ackerman (D), 2180 Medford Rd., Apt. 16, 48104. (734) 883–8391. Term expires Nov. 2020. zackerman@a2gov.org

Ward 4

Elizabeth Nelson (D), 1319 Ardmoor, 48103. (734) 997–9688. Term expires Nov. 2022. enelson@a2gov.org

Jack Eaton (D), 1606 Dicken, 48103. (734) 662–6083. Term expires Nov. 2020. JEaton@a2gov.org

Ward 5

Ali Ramlawi (D), 428 S. Seventh, 48103. (734) 730–6062. Term expires Nov. 2022. aramlawi@a2gov.org

Chip Smith (D), 517 Krause, 48103. (734) 709–2022. Term expires Nov. 2020. ChSmith@a2gov.org

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Ann Arbor Farmers Market, 315 Detroit. (734) 794–6255. During Covid-19, the market has adopted a one-way traffic pattern and other measures to assist in social distancing. Some vendors are also offering pre-order with curbside or walk-in pick-up from 7 a.m.–noon. Open year-round, May-Dec. Wed. & Sat. 7 a.m.–3 p.m.; Jan.–Apr. Sat. 8 a.m.–3 p.m. a2gov.org/market

Parks & Recreation, 2781 Packard, customer service office, Cobblestone Farm. (734) 794–6230. This unit, managed by Colin Smith, plans and manages city parks, swimming pools, golf courses, canoe liveries, and ice rinks, plus several community centers and other facilities, park shelter reservations, natural area preservation, and registration for programs and activities. a2gov.org/parks

Planning & Development, 301 E. Huron, City Hall, 1st floor. (734) 794–6267. This unit administers and enforces land development ordinances, coordinates site plan review, prepares the city master plan in collaboration with the city planning commission, enforces building codes and ordinances, inspects rental property, coordinates activities of the planning and historic district commissions and city appeal boards, and issues various permits and licenses. Visit etrakit.a2gov.org or call (734) 794–6267 to search for permits, schedule inspections, see inspection results, and check the status of registrations with the city.

Planning. (734) 794–6265. The unit, headed by planning manager Brett Lenart, serves as the staff for the planning commission, historic district commission, and design review board. Development proposals currently under review can be found at a2gov.org/planning, and zoning information may be found at a2gov.org/zoning.

Construction inspections/building. (734) 794–6263. This unit, headed by building official Glen Dempsey, reviews plans for proposed construction, enforces state building codes, and inspects all permitted construction within the city. Building permits are required for all new construction, alterations, additions, decks and fences, and almost all repairs. Call or look online for details. a2gov.org/departments/build-rent-inspect/building/Pages/default.aspx

The Permit desk (734) 794–6267 issues permits for sidewalk occupancy, barricades, events such as races, parades, rallies, street closings, and permits to work in the public right-of-way; conducts exams and issues licenses for sewer installers; and administers

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The branch post office at 3000 Green Rd. The main post office is at 2075 W. Stadium; other branches are at 200 E. Liberty and 1214 South University.

licenses for peddlers and solicitors, including charitable organizations.

Rental housing. (734) 794–6264. The rental housing section, managed by Lisha Turner-Tolbert, registers and inspects all rental properties approximately every 30 months. Tenants may request additional inspections for specific problems.

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Accounting: A2OpenBook, 301 E. Huron, Larcom City Hall, 5th floor. (734) 794–6500, ext. 45204. This division of the finance unit oversees the city's accounting, auditing, payroll, and grant services, and provides citizens with information on the city's financial condition. Budget information is online at A2OpenBook, tinyurl.com/pk6f38h

Assessor, 301 E. Huron, Larcom City Hall, 5th floor. (734) 794–6530. This division of the finance unit determines the assessed and taxable value of all property for property tax purposes. The office keeps assessment and ownership records of properties, online at tinyurl.com/oa9pc4a.

Property owners who disagree with their annual assessments may appeal to a city council-appointed board of review. This three-member board may also grant a poverty exemption, which must be renewed annually, to homeowners who meet specific income levels and other requirements.

Finance Administration, 301 E. Huron, Larcom City Hall, 5th floor. (734) 794–6500. The chief financial officer and his staff are responsible for coordinating budget development, strategic planning, city bonding, and economic development, and providing analytical support for other service areas. a2gov.org/departments/finance-admin-services

Treasurer, 301 E. Huron, Larcom City Hall, 1st floor. (734) 994–2833. The treasurer is responsible for customer service, risk management, parking referees, banking, and management of the city's debt and investment portfolios. Bills for property taxes, parking fines, utilities, and invoices may be paid at the customer service center at City Hall, 301 E. Huron; at drop boxes inside and outside of City Hall; by mail; online; and at some local banks.

Property taxes are billed twice a year, in July and December. The city property tax rate for a primary residence was $41.8208 per $1,000 of taxable value in July 2019 and $7.1188 per $1,000 in December 2019. Other property was taxed at a rate of $48.8364 per $1,000 in July 2019 and $14.1345 per $1,000 in December 2019.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Communications System—Signs & Signals, 4251 Stone School, W.R. Wheeler Service Center. (734) 794–6350. Maintains all City of Ann Arbor traffic signals, traffic signs, city-owned street lights, street name signs, city-owned radios, civil defense sirens, and citywide fiber optic network. To report damaged or missing street signs, broken signals, or streetlight outages, call Customer Service at (734) 794–6320, use the "report a problem" link at a2gov.org/a2fixit or use the A2 Fix It mobile app.

Customer Service Center, 301 E. Huron, City Hall, 1st floor. (734) 794–6320. Walk-ins: Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m., except for city holidays. Assistance by phone or email: Mon.–Fri. 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., except for city holidays. The center handles general information requests about city services, water payments and services, solid waste and recycling services, treasury services, street maintenance, traffic control, Right-of-Way (ROW) permits, and Ann Arbor Municipal Airport services. The unit also works with DPW staff to provide water utility meter installation, repair, reading, and billing. Contact this office to request new sewer or water service. customerservice@a2gov.org

Residents may view their water bills and usage data online by going to a2gov.org and searching for Water Services.

Engineering, 301 E. Huron, City Hall, 4th floor. (734) 794–6410. This department designs and constructs utility, roadway, and sidewalk projects; coordinates and inspects utility/public roadway work of developers; and optimizes traffic flow through the city. a2gov.org/departments/engineering

Natural Area Preservation, 3875 E. Huron River. (734) 794–6627. This division of parks and recreation works with individuals, organizations, and community groups to protect Ann Arbor's natural areas through ecological monitoring, restoration, and stewardship activities. David Borneman, deputy manager. a2gov.org/NAP

Public Works, 4251 Stone School, W.R. Wheeler Service Center. (734) 794–6350. Responsible for routine maintenance of most of Ann Arbor's infrastructure, including the drinking water distribution system; sanitary and storm water collection systems; streets; street lights; traffic signs and signals; fiber optic lines; parks; public trees; and pedestrian paths and crosswalks. Public Works also provides essential city services, including solid waste, recycling and compost collection. a2gov.org, (Click on Departments)

Report potholes, damaged trees, signal timing, park cleanup and other problems via a2gov.org/a2fixit or the A2 Fix It mobile app.

Systems Planning, 301 E. Huron, City Hall, 4th floor. (734) 794–6430. This unit brings together multiple departments to coordinate asset management and create and maintain a long-term plan for sustaining Ann Arbor's infrastructure. A2gov.org/systemsplanning

Wastewater Treatment, 49 S. Dixboro. (734) 794–6450. This unit is responsible for the effective collection, treatment and environmentally acceptable discharge of wastewater, including the operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant; eight sewage lift stations; and laboratory testing services. a2gov.org/departments/waste-water-treatment

Water Treatment, 919 Sunset. (734) 794–6426. This unit is responsible for processing and supplying safe drinking water, including operation of the treatment plant; remote pumping stations; storage areas; four dams; source water facilities; two hydro-electric plants; and laboratory testing services. QualityWaterMatters.org

SAFETY SERVICES

Ann Arbor Fire Department, Station 1, 111 N. Fifth Ave. **Emergency: call 911.** Nonemergency, (734) 794–6961. Led by Fire Chief Mike Kennedy, the fire department provides a broad range of emergency services to the community, including fire suppression, vehicle accident extrication, medical assistance, and water and ice rescue, as well as playing a large part in Washtenaw County's Hazardous Material and Technical Rescue teams. The department also provides fire prevention services, conducting fire-safety inspections, overseeing fire-related permits, and investigating fires. a2gov.org (click on Departments)

Ann Arbor Police Department, 301 E. Huron, Justice Center, 2nd floor. Emergency: call 911. For nonemergency requests for service, call (734) 994–2911 (24 hours). police@a2gov.org, a2gov.org/police

Chief of Police Michael Cox leads the city's police department, which functions 24 hrs. a day, seven days a week.

Community Standards: (734) 794–6942. Handles complaints about "clean communities" violations such as overgrown grass, vegetation obstructing the use of a public sidewalk, signs in public right-of-ways, snow/ice on the sidewalks, and sidewalk cafe issues.

Crime prevention and Neighborhood Watch: (734) 794–6933.

Lost & found: Police desk, Justice Center, 2nd floor, (734) 794–6920.

COURT SYSTEM

The area court system comprises a state trial court; three state district courts; and federal district and bankruptcy courts. The trial court's criminal/civil division, juvenile division, and friend of the court offices are located in the Washtenaw County courthouse, 101 E. Huron. The 15th District Court is in the city Justice Center, 301 E. Huron.

The **Washtenaw County Trial Court** (22nd Circuit Court and Probate Court), (734–222–3270), is composed of the civil/criminal division, which hears civil cases involving claims of more than $25,000 and all felony cases, and the family division, which includes juvenile court, friend of the court, and probate court. Trial court judges are Archie C. Brown, Patrick Conlin Jr., Timothy P. Connors, Carol Kuhnke, David S. Swartz, Darlene A. O'Brien, and Julia B. Owdziej. Court administrator Dan Dwyer, dwyerd@ewashtenaw.org. washtenawtrialcourt.org

Family Division. (734) 222–3791. Handles child custody, support, and visitation; personal protection orders; and cases involving estates, juvenile delinquency, neglect and abuse, and mental health proceedings. The Family Division also handles divorce cases, confirms adoptions, and hears requests for waivers from minors seeking abortion without parental consent. Juvenile cases are also heard at 101 E. Huron (734) 222–6900. Anyone may petition the court to issue a personal protection order to stop or restrain another person from harassing, beating, wounding, stalking, or assaulting. There is no fee to file a PPO complaint, but the petitioner must pay the cost of serving the restraining order.

Friend of the Court, (734) 222–3050. Automated account information line, (734) 994–9261, (have your case number ready). Case-specific questions may also be emailed to intake@washtenaw.org. The Friend of the Court helps resolve disputes involving divorce, child custody, parenting time, and support. Mediation at no charge for child custody or visitation disputes. The agency also enforces court-ordered child support, spousal support, and parenting time agreements. Parties with FOC support cases can access their account information online by signing up with MiCase: michigan.gov/micase.

District Courts. There are three District Courts in Washtenaw County: the 14A District Court, with four court locations in Pittsfield Township and the cities of Chelsea, Saline, and Ypsilanti; the 14B District Court, serving Ypsilanti Township; and the 15th District Court, serving the City of Ann Arbor. The district courts handle criminal and traffic misdemeanors, civil infractions, local ordinance violations, and felony arraignments, probable cause conferences and preliminary exams, as well as civil cases where the disputed amount is $25,000 or less, landlord-tenant disputes, and small claims cases where the disputed amount is $6,000 or less. Small claims cases are heard without lawyers or juries, usually before a magistrate. 14A District Court's Online Resources make it easy to resolve some civil infractions, including traffic matters, without coming to court: see washtenaw.org/973/Online-Resources.

WASHTENAW COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Washtenaw County, one of the first counties in Michigan, was established in 1822 and fully organized by 1827. An agent of the state government, it carries out the responsibilities of the state, but it also has independent executive and, in a few cases, legislative powers.

The county's **general information line** is (734) 222–4357. Email via form on website: washtenaw.org

Administrator, 220 N. Main. (734) 222–3401. Appointed by the board of commissioners, county administrator Gregory Dill is responsible for the overall management of county departments, agencies, and offices. washtenaw.org/150/administrator

Board of Commissioners, 220 N. Main. (734) 222–6850. The chief policy-making body of county government, the board has 9 members, elected to 2–year terms. For a current list of commissioners and a map of commission districts, visit washtenaw.org/217/commissioners. Meetings are viewable online at washtenaw.org/215/webcast

Building Inspection, 705 N. Zeeb. (734) 222–3900. Enforces the State Construction Code to ensure the minimum safety standards of building, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems in the city of Dexter and townships of Augusta, Lodi, Saline, Scio, Sharon, and Webster. Automated scheduling: (734) 222–3720. washtenaw.org/156/building-inspection

Clerk/Register of Deeds, 200 N. Main. (734) 222–6700. This combined office is headed by Lawrence Kestenbaum (D), an elected official whose four-year term expires Dec. 2020. He and his staff maintain official county records (births, deaths, marriages, divorces, military discharges, business names, concealed weapons permits, and board of commissioners records), monitor the conduct of elections, and keep all land ownership records for property in the county. washtenaw.org/262/clerk-register-of-deeds

Human Resources, 220 N. Main. (734) 222–6800. County job openings are posted each week. Apply online or download the application. Fax: (734–222–6775), mail: P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48107. See website for updates on office hours. washtenaw.org/1173/human-resources

Office of Community & Economic Development (OCED), 415 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, 2nd floor. (734) 544–6748. Offers programs and initiatives in the areas of affordable housing, human services, economic development and community infrastructure. OCED serves individuals, families, and communities through a mix of direct services, public policy development, and investment of monetary and technical support.

Prosecutor, 200 N. Main. (734) 222–6620. The elected prosecuting attorney and assistants are responsible for criminal cases in the county that fall

Trash, Recycling, & Compost

Solid Waste Administration. The city's solid waste services (a2gov.org/solidwaste) coordinates residential trash, compost, and commercial trash and recycling collection. Trash, recycling, and compost carts must be placed on the curb before 7 a.m. on normal weekly collection days and removed 24 hrs. following pickup. Carts should be placed in the street, on extension if a bike lane or busy street is present, and not exceed weight limits. Persons with a physical handicap can arrange to have trash and recyclables collected from a side door at no charge (call (734) 794–6320). Report missed pickups at (734) 794–6320, online at a2gov.org/a2fixit, or via the A2 Fix It mobile app.

Residential recycling collection is provided by Recycle Ann Arbor, (734) 662–6288, recycleannarbor.org. For a comprehensive list of allowable items and other information, such as where to obtain a new recycle bin, see a2gov.org/recycle

Call (734) 794–6320 for information on trash and recycling services for apartments and businesses. All businesses are required to recycle; call (734) 994–7336 to set up free collection service. Commercial trash dumpster pickups are provided under a for-fee franchise agreement with Waste Management and coordinated through the city's Customer Service desk, (734) 994–7336.

To dispose of large items, visit a2gov.org/reuse or call a private hauler or the Drop-Off Station operated by Recycle Ann Arbor, 2950 E. Ellsworth, (734) 971–7400, open Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Entry fee and prices online at recycleannarbor.org. There is no additional charge to dispose of household recyclables. For an additional fee, the Drop-Off Station also accepts large items and other materials that require specialized disposal, such as appliances, electronic devices, and automotive fluids. recycleannarbor.org.

under state law. In addition to authorizing criminal prosecutions, the prosecutor enforces child support and handles juvenile court matters. For questions about child support, call (734) 222–6630. Advocates in the Victim/Witness Assistance Program (734) 222–6650 inform victims of their rights and the status of their cases. washtenaw.org/1070/prosecuting-attorney

Public Defender, 220 E. Huron, 5th floor. (734) 222–6970. Public defender Delphia Simpson and her staff provide court-appointed legal counsel for adults, determined to be unable to pay for a lawyer, who are charged with felonies or misdemeanors and for juveniles charged with delinquencies or who are victims of neglect or abuse. The office also helps answer legal questions and works for crime prevention, justice, rehabilitation, reduced recidivism, and training and employment opportunities for persons subject to discrimination. washtenaw.org/1068/public-defender

Public Health, 555 Towner St, Ypsilanti. (734) 544–6700. See Health Care section, p. 45.

Road Commission, 555 N. Zeeb. (734) 761–1500. The road commission and its staff, headed by chair Douglas Fuller, are responsible for most roads outside city limits Download the WCRC Fix It app to report non-emergency road issues. wcroads.org

Sheriff, 2201 Hogback. Emergency: call 911. Nonemergency: (734) 971–8400. Sheriff Jerry Clayton (D), an elected official whose four-year term expires Jan. 2021, enforces all criminal, civil, and traffic laws of the county and conducts investigates unusual, violent, or accidental deaths. The sheriff executes the orders of the courts, arrests and detains accused offenders, manages the county jail facilities, and coordinates law enforcement activities of the county and state, and provides police services under contract for townships and villages. washtenawsheriff.org

Treasurer, 200 N. Main, #200. (734) 222–6600. County treasurer Catherine McClary (D), an elected official whose 4–year term expires Dec. 2020, is the custodian of all county funds and portfolio manager for the county's investments. She is responsible for receiving, depositing, and accounting for all county revenue and state education tax. Her office collects delinquent property taxes and assists people with financial hardships in paying their property taxes. It also certifies deeds and issues dog licenses for residents outside Ann Arbor. washtenaw.org/1136/treasurer

Washtenaw County Environmental Health, 705 N. Zeeb. (734) 222–3800. During Covid-19: Staff cannot inspect private homes or residences. This division of the county health department inspects restaurants and other food service facilities, public pools and beaches, campgrounds, child care centers, facilities storing hazardous materials, well and septic systems, and body art facilities, and provides information and education. washtenaw.org/1405/Environmental-Health-Inspections-Permits

Water Resources Commission, 705 N. Zeeb. (734) 222–6860. Commissioner Evan Pratt (drains@washtenaw.org), an elected official whose term expires Jan. 2021, coordinates stormwater management, develops strategies for flood and erosion control, and participates in the development of related storm-water and land-use policies, plans, and programs. The commissioner also conducts activities to protect the quality of storm drains and waterways; prepares special assessments for drains; maintains court-set lake levels and constructs and maintains associated facilities; establishes standards and reviews plans for storm drainage projects; manages and finances drain construction projects and watershed management plans; and educates the public on drain issues. washtenaw.org/154/water-resources

STATE OFFICIALS

Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D), Romney Bldg., P.O. Box 30013, Lansing 48909. (517) 373–3400. Constituent Services: (517) 335–7858. 4–year term expires Jan. 2023. michigan.gov/whitmer

Senator Jeff Irwin (D-18th District: cities of Ann Arbor, Milan, Saline, and Ypsilanti and townships of Ann Arbor, Augusta, Pittsfield, Salem, Superior, York, and Ypsilanti), P.O. Box 30036, Lansing 48909. (517) 373–2406. 4–year term expires Jan. 2023. Email through website, senatedems.com/irwin

Senator Lana Theis (R-22nd District: part of the city of Ann Arbor; cities of Chelsea and Dexter; and townships of Bridgewater, Dexter, Freedom, Lima, Lodi (part), Lyndon, Manchester, Northfield, Saline (part), Scio (part), Sharon, Sylvan, and Webster), P.O. Box 30036, Lansing 48909. (517) 373–2420. 4–year term expires Jan. 2023. senatorlanatheis.com

Representative Donna Lasinski (D-52nd District: part of the city of Ann Arbor; cities of Chelsea and Saline; and townships of Bridgewater, Dexter, Freedom, Lima, Lodi, Lyndon, Manchester, Northfield, Salem, Saline, Scio, Sharon, Sylvan, and Webster), P.O. Box 30014, Lansing 48909. (517) 373–0828. 2–year term expires Jan. 2021. donnalasinski@house.mi.gov, housedems.com/lasinski

Representative Yousef Rabhi (D-53rd District: most of the city of Ann Arbor; and parts of Ann Arbor, Pittsfield, and Scio townships), P.O. Box 30014, Lansing 48909. (517) 373–2577. 2–year term expires Jan. 2021. yousefrabhi@house.mi.gov, housedems.com/rabhi

Representative Rebekah Warren (D-55th District: parts of the cities of Ann Arbor and Milan; Augusta and York townships, and parts of Ann Arbor and Pittsfield townships), P.O. Box 30014, Lansing 48909. (517) 373–1792. (855) 936–5355. 2–year term expires Jan. 2021. rebekahwarren@house.mi.gov, housedems.com/warren

TRANSIT

U-M Buses

U-M buses, 734) 764–7475. All route service is free to the public; no pass required. Operates 13 campus and Health System routes in the fall and winter terms; 9 routes in the spring and summer terms. For route service hours, see website. ltp.umich.edu

U-M Paratransit, 505 S. State, Haven Hall G-664. (734) 763–3000 (SSD), (734) 936–0472. Scheduled free curb-to-curb transportation throughout campus for disabled students, faculty, and staff. Users must register in advance by phone. paratransit@umich.edu, ssd.umich.edu/article/paratransit-service

TheRide

Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (TheRide), 2700 South Industrial. (734) 996–0400. TheRide provides public transportation to the greater Ann Arbor - Ypsilanti area. All of TheRide's buses are accessible to persons with disabilities. For real-time information on bus locations, routes, schedules, and discount fares, visit theride.org

During Covid-19: TheRide is operating on a temporary reduced schedule. Face coverings are required to ride, if medically able. For the most up to date information, visit TheRide.org

TheRide's main office is at 2700 S. Industrial Hwy. (734) 973–6500. Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. The central boarding point in Ann Arbor is the **Blake Transit Center,** 328 S. Fifth. Customer service window open Mon.–Fri. 7:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Sat. noon-5:30 p.m. Lobby open Mon.–Fri. 6 a.m.–12:00 a.m., Sat. 8 a.m.–11:00 p.m. and Sun. 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m. The central boarding point in Ypsilanti is the **Ypsilanti Transit Center,** 220 Pearl St. Lobby open Mon. - Fri. 6 a.m. - 11:15 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. and Sun. 8 a.m. - 6:45 p.m. **MyAlerts:** for changes to TheRide bus service, and detours/delays, sign up at theride.org.

Fare is $1.50 for fixed-route bus service. Thirty-day unlimited-ride passes are $58. K-12 students and Fare Deal cardholders (people ages 60–64, people with a Medicare or Medicaid card, or certification through an authorized agency) pay half price.Children age 5, U-M affiliates with a valid yellow **MCard,** and people age 65 & older with a **GoldRide** card can ride fixed-route buses at no charge..

Other services include **A-Ride,** providing shared rides in lift-equipped vans and for eligible individuals, and **GroceryRide** (734–973–6500), providing weekly group trips, $.75 each way, to grocery stores from select senior housing complexes in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

Inter-city Buses

ExpressRide: TheRide operates a weekday commuter bus service between Chelsea and Ann Arbor and Canton and Ann Arbor. Fares: $125/month, in advance. A 10–ride ticket is available for $62.50, or riders can pay $6.25 cash per ride. Details on stops in Ann Arbor, times, and schedules at theride.org.

Greyhound, 325 Depot (Amtrak Station). (734) 662–5212. Greyhound busses share Ann Arbor's Amtrak station, which also handles ticket sales. Office open 7 a.m.–2:30 p.m. and 4–11:30 p.m. Greyhound provides service throughout the United States and to some locations in Canada. Call or check website for schedules. greyhound.com

D2A2 Detroit—Ann Arbor Service. (517) 333–0400. During Covid-19: Service suspended. Ann Arbor-Detroit commuter bus operated by the Regional Transport Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA). rtamichigan.org/introducing-d2a2

Western Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE). (734) 475–9494. Operates the **Community Connector West** and **Community Connector East** between Chelsea, Dexter,and Ann Arbor, connecting to AAATA #30 at the Zeeb Meijer. Schedules and fares at ridethewavebus.org. ■

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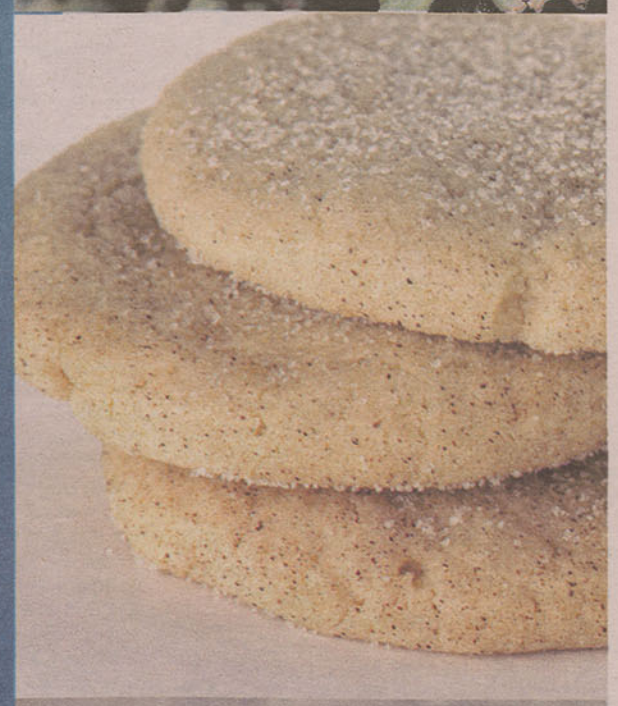

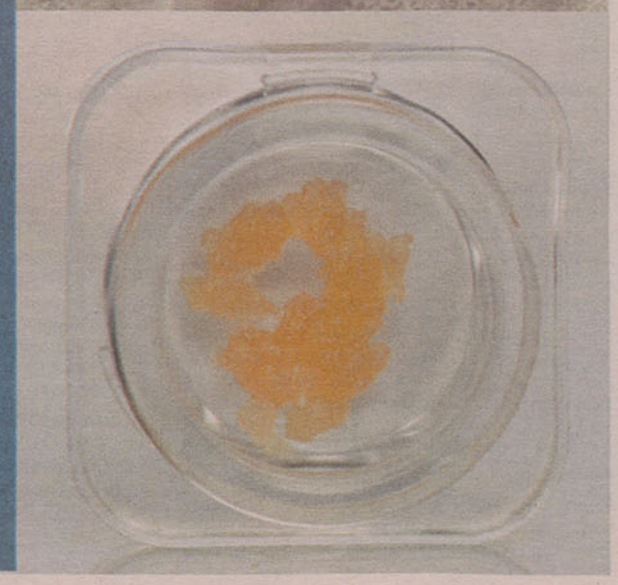

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Universities, Libraries, & Museums

During Covid-19, the U-M is planning shortened fall and winter terms with "hybrid" virtual and in-person classes. At press time, Concordia, EMU and WCC hoped to maintain their traditional schedules. All plans are subject to revision based on the progress of the pandemic.

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The U-M Clements Library holds original resources for American history and culture from the 15th through the 19th century.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

2020–2021 Ann Arbor Academic Calendar

Fall 2020	Aug. 31	Classes begin
	Nov. 21	Commencement
	Dec. 18	Exams end (classes and exams taken remotely only after Thanksgiving)
		Commencement canceled (students participate in Spring 2021 ceremonies)
Winter 2021	Jan. 19	Classes begin
	Apr. 29	Exams end
	Apr. 29–May 2	Commencement
Spring 2021	May 4	Classes begin (Spring half term & Summer full term)
	June 25	Exams end (Spring half term)
Summer 2021	June 30	Classes begin (Summer half term)
	Aug. 20	Exams end

Calendars may differ for these schools: business, dentistry, law, medicine, and social work. See ro.umich.edu/calendar

University operator ..... (734) 764–1817
Campus information center ..... (734) 764–4636
Alumni association ..... (800) 847–4764
U-M Health Service ..... (734) 936–6641
Website ..... umich.edu
Email ..... info@umich.edu

U-M Football Schedule

In August 2020, nonconference games were canceled and ticket sales were suspended. See mgoblue.com for the current status of U-M sports.

Sept. 5 ..... PURDUE
Sept. 12 ..... at Minnesota
Sept. 19 ..... PENN STATE
Sept. 26 ..... at Rutgers
Oct. 3 ..... MICHIGAN STATE
Oct. 17 ..... at Indiana
Oct. 24 ..... at Ohio State
Oct. 31 ..... WISCONSIN
Nov. 7 ..... MARYLAND
Nov. 21 ..... at Northwestern

The U-M has 19 schools and colleges, 13 of which offer undergraduate degree programs. For information or application materials, contact the undergraduate admissions office (1220 Student Activities Bldg., 515 E. Jefferson, AA 48109; (734) 764–7433; admissions.umich.edu). There were 65,684 applicants for the freshman class of 2019–2020, a 10.6 percent increase over the previous year. To enroll for a graduate degree in the liberal arts, contact the Horace H. Rackham Graduate School (915 E. Washington, AA 48109; (734) 764–8129; rackham.umich.edu).

For information on attending undergraduate classes without enrolling, call the undergraduate admissions office, (734) 764–7433, or go to admissions.umich.edu/non-degree-applicants

Course catalogs for schools and colleges are available on the web; for the LSA Course Guide, go to lsa.umich.edu/cg/. A complete schedule of all U-M classes is at ro.umich.edu/schedule/

Tuition and fees for 1st-year undergraduates in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts for 2020–2021 are estimated to be $14,934 for Michigan residents and $49,022 for nonresidents. As of 2018, the **Go Blue Guarantee** offers free tuition to all in-state students with a family income of $65,000 or less. Tuition varies with program and class status; call the registrar at (734) 647–3507 for more information. For questions regarding residency, call (734) 764–1400. For graduate program tuition and fees, contact individual programs or schools. Nondegree classes are available at half cost to people age 65 & over.

Tours are conducted throughout the year from the Huetwell Visitors Center in the Student Activities Bldg., 515 E. Jefferson. Call (734) 647–5692 for hours. Small-group information sessions are hosted most weekdays by the undergraduate admissions office. For information and reservations, call (734) 647–5692 or go to admissions.umich.edu/visiting. Register three weeks in advance. For a self-guided tour, pick up a brochure at the visitors center.

The U-M employs more than 48,000 people (including Dearborn and Flint campuses). Job openings are listed online at careers.umich.edu, updated daily. You can apply online. For more information, contact the recruiting and employment services office (734) 615–2000, hr.umich.edu/empserv.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

2020–2021 Academic Calendar

Fall 2020	Aug. 24	Classes begin
	Dec. 11	Exams end

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	Jan. 22	Winterim exams
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	May 14	Exams end
	May 16	Commencement
Summer 2021	(3-week courses)	
	May 17–June 4	
	June 7–June 25	
	(6-week courses)	
	May 17–June 25	
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	Dec. 18	Exams end
	Dec. 19	Commencement
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	Apr. 25	Commencement
	Apr. 27	Exams end
Summer 2021	May 5	Classes begin
	Aug. 11	Exams end

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2020 EMU Football Schedule

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Sept. 3 (canceled)	at Kentucky
Sept. 12	COASTAL CAROLINA
Sept. 19	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Sept. 26	at Missouri
Oct. 3	CENTRAL MICHIGAN
Oct. 10	at Ohio
Oct. 17	at Army West Point
Oct. 24	TOLEDO
Oct. 31	at Western Michigan
Nov. 10	at Ball State
Nov. 21	BOWLING GREEN
Nov. 27	at Miami

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2020–2021 Academic Calendar

Fall 2020	Aug. 31	Semester begins
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Winter 2021	Jan. 11	Semester begins
	May 3	Semester ends
Spr.–Sum. 2021	May 10	Semester begins
	Aug. 4	Semester ends

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LIBRARIES

Public Libraries

Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. (Downtown library) 3090 E. Eisenhower (Malletts Creek branch), 2359 Oak Valley (Pittsfield branch), 3333 Traverwood (Traverwood branch), 2503 Jackson (Westgate branch). (734) 327–4200. Circulates materials for all ages—including books, music, movies, magazines, art prints, science, art, home & music tools, downloadable books, music, and video—to all library cardholders. WiFi, print and electronic resources, and public meeting spaces available at no charge. Online and in-person events and exhibits for youth, teens, adults, and families. For current AADL hours, please visit aadl.org

Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled, 343 S. Fifth Ave. (Ann Arbor District Library). (734) 327–4224. For people of all ages who are unable to read or use standard-print materials due to a temporary or permanent visual or physical disability. Book players, books, magazines, and videos in downloadable, USB cartridge, large print, and \ Braille formats are mailed and returned via the USPS at no charge. Apply for services by phone or email. Hours vary. wlbpd@aadl.org, wlbpd.aadl.org

Other Libraries

Ford Presidential Library, 1000 Beal. (734) 205–0555. Archival collections of Gerald R. Ford's presidential, vice-presidential, and congressional papers, including his Warren Commission files. Visitors can browse lobby exhibits, see a re-creation of President Ford's office, and attend special events. Researchers welcome. Group tours may be arranged in advance. Mon.–Fri. 8:45 a.m.–4:45 p.m. Closed on federal holidays. ford.library@nara.gov, fordlibrarymuseum.gov

Richard W. Bailey Library, 4800 E. Huron River, Washtenaw Community College, Gunder Myran Building. (734) 973–3429. Print and e-books and -journals and media items including streaming videos and DVDs. Easy reading books for adults with low reading levels and international students. Children's literature collection. Books may be checked out by general public (with a free library card); other materials for public use in the library only. Call or check website for hours. wccnet.edu/resources/library

U-M Libraries

Public and select academic libraries. U-M libraries and collections are open to the public, but a user's pass ($250/year, $125 for alums) is required to check out materials. For more information, see lib.umich.edu

Art, Architecture & Engineering Library, 2281 Bonisteel. (734) 647–5747. The library's engineering

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The U-M's Trotter Multicultural Center. Calls for the new building got a boost from a 2014 Twitter campaign, #beingblackatum.

holdings are among the largest and richest technology collections in the country. Its art resources include a large image collection, architectural drawings, photographs, maps, and manuscripts. aael.circ@umich.edu, lib.umich.edu/aael

Bentley Historical Library, 1150 Beal. (734) 764–3482. Founded in 1935, Bentley possesses a statewide collection of Michigan's history and serves as the official archives of the University of Michigan. The library holds 64,000 linear feet of archives and manuscripts, 90,000 printed volumes, 1.5 million photographs and other visual materials, over 10,000 maps, and nearly 60 terabytes of digital content, including an extensive Civil War collection. Check website for hours. bentley.umich.edu

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Hatcher Graduate Library, 913 South University, on the Diag. (734) 764–0400. With 3.25 million titles in several hundred languages, Hatcher is the U-M's primary research collection for the humanities and social sciences. Home to the Asia Library, Papyrology Collection, Special Collections Research Center, and the Stephen S. Clark Library for Maps, Government Information, and Data Services. Hatcher also hosts exhibits and events, which are free and open to the public. lib.umich.edu/hatcher-graduate-library

Music Library, 1100 Baits, 3239 Moore Bldg., 3rd fl. (734) 764–2512. One of the nation's largest music collections, the Music Library houses books, scores, periodicals, sound and video recordings, and special collections. music.circ@umich.edu, lib.umich.edu/music-library

Shapiro Library, 919 South. University. (734) 764–7490. The Shapiro Undergraduate Library (known to students as the "UGLi") offers research and technology equipment and consultation services for students, as well as books, periodicals, electronic resources, and leisure reading materials. On the second floor, the Askwith Media Library holds more than 40,000 film and television titles in a variety of formats: DVD, Blu-ray, VHS, and 16 millimeter. (734–764–5360). lib.umich.edu/shapiro-undergraduate-library

Taubman Health Sciences Library, 1135 Catherine. (734) 764–1210. One of the nation's top medical libraries features books, journals, and extensive electronic databases. thlibrary@umich.edu, lib.umich.edu/taubman-health-sciences-library

U-M Law Library, 801 Monroe, Law Quad. (734) 764–9324. Over one million print and digital volumes covering Anglo-American, foreign, comparative, and international law, including reports of the American federal and state courts, the courts of Great Britain and the Commonwealth, and most European, Asian, and South American countries. law.umich.edu/library

U-M Transportation Research Institute Library, 2901 Baxter. (734) 936–1073. Houses one of the world's most extensive collections of literature on traffic safety with over 110,000 items and 210 periodical titles. umtri-lib@umich.edu, libguides.umtri.umich.edu/drc

MUSEUMS

African American Cultural & Historical Museum of Washtenaw County, 1528 Pontiac Trail. (734) 761–1717. The AACHM offers educational programs, exhibits, and Underground Railroad bus tours. After opening, the museum will display its collection of artifacts, art, papers, books, photographs and other materials pertaining to the history and culture of African Americans in Washtenaw County. aachmuseum@gmail.com, aachmuseum.org

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 220 E. Ann. (734) 995–5439. The mission of the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum "is to inspire people to discover the wonder of science, technology, engineering, art, and math," and "to be the leader in imaginative and interactive learning experiences." Open Mon., Wed., Fri., & Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Tues. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; and Sun. noon–5 p.m. $12.50 (adults and children), $5 after 5 p.m. Thurs. only; free for babies 0–23 months. aahom.org

Argus Museum, 525 W. William (Argus Building). (734) 769–0770. Features products manufactured by the Argus Camera Company and showcases unique collections. Housed in the Argus I Building, one of the company's manufacturing facilities, it operates under the umbrella of the Washtenaw County Historical Society. Hosts photography exhibitions, group tours and meetings, and an international fall conference. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and for special events or by appointment. Free, but donations appreciated. Volunteers welcomed. washtenawhistory.org, click on "Sites" then "Argus Museum."

Cobblestone Farm Museum, 2781 Packard. (734) 794–7120. This city-owned historic farm re-creates mid-19th-century rural life with living history days and a barnyard with a small collection of farm animals. Farmhouse museum admission: adults $2, families (up to 5) $5, ages 3–17 and seniors 60 & over $1. Museum open by appointment year-round and Thurs. 10–11 a.m. (call ahead to check). Farmers market every Tues. 4–7 p.m. May-Oct. cobblestonefarm@provide.net, cobblestonefarm.org

Kempf House Museum, 312 S. Division. (734) 994–4898. This 1853 Greek Revival house, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, was home to the German-American Kempf family from 1888 to 1953. Now managed by a volunteer nonprofit board, it is furnished with Victorian antiques and many of the Kempfs' musical treasures, including Ann Arbor's first concert grand piano, an 1877 Steinway. Exhibits of period domestic life, a historic garden, a traditional German family Christmas, Valentine teas, and Wednesday noon lecture series in both spring and fall. Guided tours on selected Sundays 1–4 p.m. or by appointment. Admission free, donations appreciated. kempfhousemuseum@gmail.com, kempfhousemuseum.org. For event updates, follow "Kempf House Museum" on Facebook.

Museum on Main Street, 500 N. Main at corner of E. Kingsley & Beakes. (734) 662–9092. The Washtenaw County Historical Society operates this museum in a restored 1830s house surrounded by a 1900-style garden. Hosts a variety of family-friendly changing exhibits throughout the year related to local history and more. Sat. & Sun. noon–4 p.m., and by appointment. Groups welcomed. Donations appreciated. washtenawhistory.org

Parker Mill, 4650 Geddes. (734) 971–6337. County-owned restored 1873 gristmill with its original milling machinery. The surrounding 45-acre park also has one of the area's few remaining log cabins. The mill is open for public tours on select Sundays Sept.–Oct.; programs for school, civic, and community groups available by appointment May.–Oct. Free. washtenaw.org/602/Parker-Mill-County-Park

U-M Detroit Observatory, 1398 E. Ann. (734) 764–3482. Built in 1854, restored in the late 1990s, and now a division of the Bentley Historical Library, this historic observatory—the oldest research building on campus—retains its original Victorian telescopes. The Observatory will be closed until Fall 2021 for construction of a new visitor and education annex. At that time it will reopen with exhibits, programming, tours, and public observing nights. bentley.umich.edu/about/detroit-observatory/

U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, 434 S. State, (public entrance on Maynard). (734) 764–9304. Houses a permanent collection of more than 100,000 Classical, Egyptian and Near East artifacts. Highlights include textiles, glass, pottery, jewelry, sculpture, and artifacts of daily life. Tues.–Fri. 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 1 p.m.–4 p.m. Closed Monday and U-M holidays. kelseymuse@umich.edu, lsa.umich.edu/kelsey

U-M Museum of Art, 525 S. State. (734) 764–0395. In addition to extensive permanent collections of African, American, Asian, and European art, UMMA hosts many special temporary exhibitions each year. Public programs include artist and curator talks, special campus and community events, docent-led tours, & performing arts, literary arts, films, & fee-based art classes. Tues.– Sat. 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission free; $10 donation suggested. umma.umich.edu

U-M Museum of Natural History, 1105 North University. (734) 764–0478. During Covid-19, check website to see if the museum is open and the current protocols for visiting. Inspires curiosity with exhibits, programs, and online content. Science content for kids, families, and adults in the Museum@Home web portal. ummnh.org

U-M Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry, 1011 North University, Kellogg Building, School of Dentistry. (734) 763–0767. History of dentistry exhibitions featuring museum collections. Please check the museum website for current hours. Contact staff with questions. dentalmuseum@umich.edu, sindecusemuseum.org ■

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Only regular worship services are listed. During Covid-19, many congregations are worshiping partially or exclusively online. Call or email to confirm.

T *indicates that transportation service is available.*

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 900 John A. Woods Dr. (734) 663–3800. Est. 1857. Membership: 500. Pastor Mashod Evans. Sun. 10 a.m. office@bethelameannarbor.org, bethelameannarbor.org

APOSTOLIC

New Apostolic Church, 4844 Jackson, #200. (517) 522–4965. Est. 2018. Minister Ryan Tietsema. Sun 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7:30 p.m. nac-usa.org

Solid Rock Church of Ann Arbor, 3823 N. Dixboro 48105. (734) 845–9955. Est. 1994. Membership: 225. Pastor Brian Jones. Sun. 10:30 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m. admin@srcannarbor.com, srcannarbor.com

APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL

New Grace Apostolic Temple, 2898 Packard. (734) 477–6888. Est. early 1940s. Membership: 200. District Elder Avery Dumas III. Sun. 8:45, 9:45 & 11:30 a.m. newgrace.org **T**

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Ann Arbor Assembly of God, 2455 Washtenaw. (734) 769–4157. Est. 1945. Membership: 275. Pastor Bill Peppard. Sun. 9 & 11 a.m. a3ogoffice@gmail.com, a3og.com **T**

H2O Campus Church, 915 E. Washington, U-M Rackham Building, 4th floor amphitheater. 734–883–3605. A Chi Alpha Campus Ministry. Est. 2003. Membership: 60. Pastor Nino Guarisco. Meets Sun. 11:11 a.m. info.h2ocampuschurch@gmail.com, h2ocampuschurch.com

Korean Assembly of God, 2455 Washtenaw. (734) 945–7956. Est. 2005. Membership: 20. Pastor Jeong-Seog Lee. Meets Sun. 1 p.m. at the Ann Arbor Assembly of God. a2korean@gmail.com

Summit International Assembly of God, 2118 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (734) 330–0294. Est. 2002. Membership: 60. Pastor Michael Byrum. Sun. 10:15 a.m. summitannarbor@gmail.com, summitannarbor.com

BAHA'I FAITH

Baha'i Community of Washtenaw County, 5550 Morgan, Ypsilanti. (734) 528–1919. Est. 1922. Membership: 100. Sun. 10 a.m., Closed until Labor Day 2020. bahaicenterwashtenawcounty.org **T**

BAPTIST

ABC: American Baptist Churches, USA; CW: Converge Worldwide; NBC: National Baptist Convention, USA; SBC: Southern Baptist Convention.

Ann Arbor Baptist Church, 2150 S. Wagner. (734) 995–5144. Est. 1979. Membership: 150. Pastor Jonathan Barber. Sun. 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Services livestreamed on website. mail@aabaptist.com, aabaptist.com **T**

Ann Arbor Chinese Christian Church (SBC), 1750 Dhu Varren. (734) 668–9128. Est. 1981. Membership: 150. Pastors Dennis Wong (Chinese), and Cendal Engle (Youth). Sun. 9:30 a.m. (Mandarin and Cantonese) 9:30 a.m. (English). aacccadmin@gmail.com, aaccc.org **T**

Briarwood Baptist Church, 7950 Warren. (919) 451–7952. Est. 1973. Membership: 30. Pastor Todd Weber. Sun. 11 a.m. briarwoodbaptistchurch.org

Crossroads Community Baptist Church (SBC), 2580 Packard. (734) 971–0773. Est. 1952. Membership: 300 families. Pastor Jarod Juriga. Sun. 9:30 a.m. (traditional, with ASL sign language interpreter), 2 p.m. (Japanese), & 6 p.m. (Spanish). ccbcaa@gmail.com, crossroadsA2.org

First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor (ABC), 517 E. Washington. (734) 663–9376. Est. 1828. Membership: 235. Sun. 10 a.m. Pastors Paul and Stacey Simpson Duke. Includes American Baptist Campus Ministry: Sept.–Apr., Wed. 5:30 p.m. office@fbca2.org, fbca2.org

Huron Hills Church, (CW), 3150 Glazier Way. (734) 769–6299. Est. 1964. Membership: 400. Lead pastor Nathan Clair. Sun. 9:30 & 11 a.m. azehnder@huronhills.org, huronhills.org **T**

New Hope Baptist Church (NBC), 218 Chapin. (734) 994–4620. Est. 1965. Membership: 700. Rev. Rodrick K. Green. Sun. 9 a.m. (youth) & 11 a.m. newhopeaa218@gmail.com, nhbc-aa.org **T**

New Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, 5055 Platt. (734) 973–2740. Est. 1986. Membership: 150. Pastor Keith D. Wilson Sr., Sun. 10:15 a.m. wilson1018@sbcglobal.net, npmbcannarbor.com

Northside Community Church (ABC), 929 Barton. (734) 662–6351. Est. 1956. Membership: 60. Sun. 10 a.m. northsidecommunitya2@gmail.com, ncca2.org

Second Baptist Church of Ann Arbor (ABC), 850 Red Oak. (734) 663–9369. Est. 1859. Membership: 500. Dr. Steven J. Daniels, Sr., Senior Pastor. Sun. 10 a.m. sbcannarbor.com **T**

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church (NBC), 3630 Platt. (734) 971–7801. Est. 1960. Membership: 175. Rev. Maurice Gordon. Sun. 11 a.m. service. contactus@stpaulmbcaa.org, stpaulmbcaa.org **T**

Treasuring Christ Church, 600 W. Jefferson (Bach Elementary). 919–671–0707. Est. 2019. Pastor Michael Guyer. Sun. 10 a.m. michael@tccannarbor.com tccannarbor.com

MARK BIALEK

The Ann Arbor Friends Meeting (Quaker).

BIBLE

Grace Bible Church, 1300 S. Maple. (734) 663–0589. Est. 1939. Membership: 750. Pastor Tyson Lemke. Sun. 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. gbc@gracea2.org, gracea2.org

Korean Bible Church of Ann Arbor, 4220 Packard. (734) 973–2454. Est. 1983. Membership: 80. Pastor Kim, Suk-Hyun. Sun. 11 a.m. (Korean). biblechurch.net **T**

Washtenaw Independent Bible Church. (734) 996–1384. Est. 1980. Membership: 10. Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m. & Wed. 7 p.m. at area locations (call for directions). cyber-chapel.org **T**

BUDDHIST

Huron River Sangha, 1214 Packard (Zen Buddhist Temple). Est. 1999. Membership: 75. Follows tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh. Sun. 6:30 p.m. marytillinghast@gmail.com, huronriversangha.org

Jewel Heart Tibetan Buddhist Learning Center, 1129 Oak Valley. (734) 994–3387. Est. 1987. Membership: 600. Teachings, retreats, workshops, meditation and more. Sun. 9:45 a.m. (meditation), 11 a.m. (talk). annarborjewelheart@gmail.com, jewelheart.org

Karma Thegsum Choling (Tibetan), 614 Miner. (734) 678–7549. Est. 1978. Membership: 10. Main teacher: Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche. Local teacher: Lama Nancy Burks. Meditation and study on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. aaktc@yahoo.com, annarborktc.org

Still Mountain Buddhist Meditation Center, 2401 Plymouth (Turner Senior Resource Center). (734) 751–1838. Teaching insight meditation from the Buddhist tradition. Sun. 10 a.m. info@stillmountainmeditation.org, stillmountainmeditation.org

Tsogyelgar Dharma Center, 7217 W. Liberty. (734) 663–3842. Est. 1990. Lama Traktung Rinpoche. Call for service times. info@tsogyelgar.org, tsogyelgar.org

Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard. (734) 761–6520. Est. 1981. Membership: 120. Rev. Haju Sunim. Sun. 10 a.m. & 4 p.m. annarbor@zenbuddhisttemple.org, zenbuddhisttemple.org

CATHOLIC

Christ the King Catholic Church, 4000 Ave Maria Dr. (734) 665–5040. Est. 1981. Membership: 857 families. Fr. Ed Fride. Weekend masses Sat. 4:30 p.m. and Sun. 9 & 11 a.m. 11 a.m. is livestreamed on YouTube. Weekday masses Mon. 6:45 a.m., Tues. & Thurs. noon, Wed. 7 p.m., Fri. 5:30 p.m. info@ctkcc.net, ctkcc.net

Old St. Patrick Church, 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd. (734) 662–8141. Est. 1831. Membership: 375 families. Fr. Thomas Wasilewski. Weekend masses: Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 & 10:30 a.m.; weekday masses: Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 8:30 a.m. (May-Aug.); Tues. 7 p.m.; Wed. & Fri. 8:15 a.m., Thurs. 8:30 a.m. (Sept.–April). info@stpatricka2.org, stpatricka2.org

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium. (734) 821–2100. Est. 1950. Membership: 2,800 families. Fr. James Conlon. Weekday masses, Mon.–Fri. 9:15 a.m., followed on Thurs. by Holy Hour and Adoration until 6 p.m. Weekend: Saturday 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish), Sunday: 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. parishoffice@stfrancisa2.org, stfrancisa2.org

St. Mary Student Parish, 331 Thompson. (734) 663–0557. Est. 1919. Membership: 3,200. Fr. James Gartland, S.J. Catholic campus ministry at U-M. Sun. 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. (Spanish), 5, & 9 p.m. (9 p.m. service school year only); Mon.–Thurs. 5:10 p.m.; Fri. 12:10 p.m. stmarystudentparish.org

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 530 Elizabeth St. (734) 761–8606. Est. 1835. Membership: 1,500 families. Fr. William Ashbaugh. 10 a.m. Sunday outside at Father Gabriel Richard High School (weather permitting), inside at St. Thomas Church

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CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIASTIC

Ann Arbor Ecclesia, 5795 Pontiac Trail. (734) 263–3500. Est. 1997. Sun. 10 a.m. aaecclesia@tidings.org, biblereadings.com/annarbor

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Calvary Chapel Ann Arbor, 3323 Nordman. (734) 730–6000. Est. 2004. Pastor Dave Gremban. Meets Sun. 10:30 a.m. ccannarbor@gmail.com, ccannarbor.org

Scio Community Church, 1293 N. Zeeb. (734) 662–7351. Est. 1934. Membership: 100. Rev. Tedd Lewellen. Sun. 9:30 a.m. info@sciocommunity.org, sciocommunity.org

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1833 Washtenaw. Call the reading room at 306 E. Liberty, (734) 662–1694 (Mon.–Sat. 11 a.m.–4 p.m.). Est. 1906. Sun. 10:30 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m. csrraa@hotmail.com (reading room), christianscienceannarbor.com

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Greater Fountain Church of God in Christ, 530 W. Stadium. (734) 665–5477. Est. 1928. Membership: 110. Pastor Samuel Peppers. Sun. 11:15 a.m. fcogic@sbcglobal.net, greaterfountaincogic.com, facebook.com/greater.fountaincogic

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Living Hope Church of the Nazarene, 2780 Packard. (734) 971–6723. Est. 1944. Membership: 19. Pastor John J. Posegay. Sun. 10 a.m. & Tues. 6:30 p.m. (celebrate recovery). annarbornaz@aol.com, annarborlivinghopenazarene.org **T**

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

Community of Christ, 520 W. Jefferson. (734) 761–3082. Est. 1927. Membership: 50. Pastor Sharon Noffsinger. Sun. 11 a.m. secretary@aacofchrist.org, aacofchrist.org

CONGREGATIONAL

First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor, 608 E. William. (734) 662–1679. Est. 1847. Membership: 800. Reverends Robert K. Livingston & Darcy Crain. Inclusive member-directed church. Sun. online at 10 a.m. office@fccannarbor.org, fccannarbor.org

COPTIC ORTHODOX DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Journey of Faith Christian Church, 1900 Manchester. (734) 971–4245. Est. 1891. Membership: 70. Pastor Alex McCauslin. Sun. 10:30 a.m. jofdisciples@gmail.com, journeyoffaitha2.org

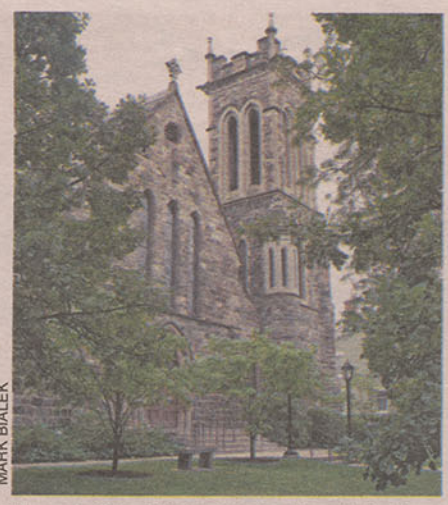
EPISCOPAL

Canterbury House Student Center, 721 E. Huron. (734) 665–0606. Est. 1887. Membership: 50. Rev. Matthew M. Lukens. Worship resumes Sep. 4, 2020. Sun. & Wed. 5:15 p.m., followed by free meal. canterburyhouse@umich.edu, canterburyhouse.org **T**

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, 3257 Lohr. (734) 769–7900. Est. 1984. Membership: 150. Rev. Joe Summers. Meets at David Byrd Chapel. Sun. 10:30 a.m. An interfaith spiritual community grounded in the teachings and practices of Jesus—all races/orientations/genders/people of other faith backgrounds welcome. jsummers@umich.edu, incarnationannarbor.org

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 1679 Broadway. (734) 663–5503. Est. 1966. Membership: 35. Sun. 10 a.m. nam.ministries@sbcglobal.net, staidan.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division. (734) 663–0518. Est. 1827. Membership: 1,350. Fr. Alan Gibson. Online services only during Covid-19, Sun. 10 a.m. Regular services Sun. 8, 9:15 & 10 a.m., Wed. 7 a.m. & 6 p.m., Thurs. 5:30 p.m., Fri. 12:15 p.m. office@standrewsaa.org, standrewsaa.org



MARK BIALEK

Founded in 1827, St. Andrew's is the oldest of the city's five Episcopal congregations.

St. Clare of Assisi Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard. (734) 662–2449. Est. 1953. Membership: 500. The Rev. Maryjane Peck (interim rector). (Labor Day–Memorial Day): Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; (Memorial Day–Labor Day): Sun. 8:30 & 10 a.m. welcome@saintclareschurch.org, saintclareschurch.org

GREEK ORTHODOX

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 3109 Scio Church. (734) 332–8200. Est. 1935. Membership: 450. Parish Priest Fr. Nicolaos Kotsis, assistant priest Fr. Alexandru Radulescu. Orthodox Christian worship Sun. 9 a.m. (Orthros), 10 a.m. (Divine Liturgy). secretary@stnickaa.org, stnickaa.org **T**

HINDU

Chinmaya Mission Ann Arbor, 4760 Packard. (734) 434–1740. Est. 1994. Membership: 800 families. Acharya Sharada Kumar. Sept.–June: Sun. 10 a.m., Mon. & Thurs. 7 p.m., Tues. & Fri. 7:30 p.m. sharada@chinmaya-aa.org, chinmaya-aa.org

INDEPENDENT AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL

2|42 Community Church, 648 S. Wagner. (734) 707–4995. Est. 2009. Membership: 2,250. Campus Pastor Derek Alonzi. Sun. 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., info@242community.com, 242community.com

Ann Arbor Meditation Circle of Self-Realization Fellowship, 1829 W. Stadium, #100. (734) 662–2202. Est. 1984. Membership: 25. Sun. 9:30 a.m. (meditation service) & 10:30 a.m. (reading service), Thurs. 7–7:50 p.m. and 8–9 p.m. (meditation services). annarbor.srf@gmail.com, annarborsrf.org

Blue Ocean Faith, 2309 Packard (St. Clare's Episcopal Church social hall). (734) 931–0130. Est. 2015. Membership 200. LGBTQ inclusive. Pastors Emily Swan and Ken Wilson. Sun. 11 a.m. a2blue.org **T**

Chinese Christian Fellowship Church in Ann Arbor, 4205 Washtenaw (St. Luke Lutheran Church). (734) 256–5138. Est. 1983. Pastor John Shen. Sun. 1:15 p.m. deacons@ccfcaa.org, ccfcaa.org

Harvest Mission Community Church, 1001 E. Huron. (734) 662–4622. Est. 1996. Membership: 350. Pastor Pete Dahlem. See website for locations and times. life@hmcc.net, annarbor.hmcc.net **T**

His House Christian Fellowship, 925 E. Ann. (734) 926–8240. Est. 1979. Membership: 20. Campus minister Eric Hammond. Check website for times. ehammond@umich.edu, um.hhcf.org

Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd. #1. (734) 327–0270. Est. 1998. Membership: 300. Sun. 10:45 a.m. delyth.balmer@interfaithspirit.org, interfaithspirit.org

Korean Church of Ann Arbor (Hope English Chapel), 3301 Creek. (734) 971–9777. Est. 1967. Membership: 150. Pastor Joo Hyoung Lee. Sun. 11 a.m. (Korean, English, youth), Wed. 8 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m. (in Korean for college students). openkcoaa@gmail.com, kcoaa.com

Mosaic Church of Ann Arbor. (734) 719–0710. Est. 2009. Membership: 250. Lead pastor Shannon Nielsen. Sun. 11 a.m. Check website for WCC or U-M central campus location. connect@mosaicA2.org, mosaicA2.org **T**

Shekinah, 4600 Scio Church. (734) 662–6040. Est. 1984. Membership: 300. Pastor Benjamin Deitrick. Sun. 10:30 a.m. info@shekinahchurch.org, shekinahchurch.org **T**

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Barton Ponds Congregation, 2211 N. Maple. (734) 996–1244. Est. 2015. Chinese language service. Sun. 10 a.m., Tues. 7:30 p.m.

Delhi West Congregation, 2211 N. Maple. (734) 996–1244. Est. 1992. Membership: 85. Sun. 12:30 p.m., Thurs. 7:30 p.m.

North Maple Congregation, 2211 N. Maple. (734) 996–1244. Est. 1972. Membership: 75. Sat. 10 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.

Stadium Congregation, 2000 Champagne. (734) 973–1887. Est. 1989. Membership: 160. Sun. 10 a.m., Tues. 7:30 p.m. **T**

JEWISH

Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan. (734) 769–0500. Est. 1965. Membership: 70. Rabbi Jared Anstandig. Minyan Sept.–May: Mon.–Wed. 7:20 a.m., at Hillel, 1429 Hill; Thurs. & Fri. 7:20 a.m. and Sun. 9 a.m. at Chabad House, 715 Hill. Shabbat services at Hillel: Fri. eves., times vary; Sat. shacharit 9:30 a.m. High Holy Days: 9 a.m., evening times vary. welcome@annarborminyan.org, annarborminyan.org

Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation, 2935 Birch Hollow. (734) 445–1910. Est. 1993. Membership: 90 families. Rabbi Ora Nitkin-Kaner. Bimonthly Shabbat on 4th Fri. 6:30 p.m. (Tot Shabbat at 5:45 p.m.), and 2nd Sat. 10 a.m. Religious school, adult ed, ticketless High Holidays, and other holiday services. aarecon.org

Beth Israel Congregation (Conservative), 2000 Washtenaw. (734) 665–9897. Est. 1916. Membership: 453 households. Rabbi Nadav Caine. Minyan: Mon.–Thurs. 7:30 p.m.; Sun. Oct.–Mar. 5 p.m., Apr.–Sept. 7:30 p.m. Shabbat: Fri. 6 p.m. & Sat. 9:30 a.m. office@bethisrael-aa.org, bethisrael-aa.org

Chabad House, 715 Hill. (734) 995–3276. Est. 1975. Membership: 250. Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, director. Shabbat services, holiday services, Mikvah on premises. Weekday Minyan, shared with Hillel, held at 1429 Hill. Check website for times. chabad@jewmich.com, jewmich.com/cong

Jewish Cultural Society, 2935 Birch Hollow. (734) 975–9872. Est. 1965. Secular Humanistic Jewish. Membership: 60 households. Julie Gales, Madrikha. Monthly First Friday Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Family-oriented holiday observances. info@jewishculturalsociety.org, jewishculturalsociety.org

Temple Beth Emeth (Reform), 2309 Packard. (734) 665–4744. Est. 1966. Membership: 601. Rabbi Josh Whinston, Cantor Regina Lambert-Hayut. Sept.–June: Fri. Tot Shabbat 5:45 p.m.; Shira (song session) at 6:15 p.m., Popsicle Oneg following Shira, regular service 7:30 p.m. and Sat. service 10 a.m. Fourth Fri. Guitar-led Shabbat service only at 6:30 p.m.; July & Aug: Fri. Tot Shabbat only at 5:45 p.m. and lay-led services at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. Torah study at 9:30 a.m. and service at 10:30 a.m. templebethemeth.org

U-M Hillel, 1429 Hill. (734) 769–0500. Est. 1926. Executive director Tilly Shames. Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform High Holiday services. Weekly services for students during U-M fall and winter semesters. For times, see "events" at website. michiganhillel@umich.edu, michiganhillel.org

LUTHERAN

ELCA: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; LCMS: Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; RIC: Reconciling in Christ; WELS: Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Darlington Lutheran Church (WELS), 3545 Packard. (734) 971–0560. Est. 1946. Membership: 62. Reverend Edward Zell. Sun. 10 a.m., darlington@darlingtonannarbor.com, darlingtonannarbor.com

King of Kings Lutheran Church (ELCA & RIC), 2685 Packard. (734) 971–1417. Est. 1970. Membership: 300. Pastor Marie Duquette. Sun. 9:30 a.m. contact@kingofkingslutheran.org, kingofkingslutheran.org

Lord of Light Lutheran Church/Lutheran Campus Ministry, 801 S. Forest. (734) 668–7622. Est. 1917. Campus pastor Elizabeth Friedman. Sun. 5 p.m. lol-lcm@comcast.net, lcm-um.org

Peace Lutheran Church (LCMS), 8260 Jackson. (734) 424–0899. Est. 1993. Membership: 300. Pastor Andrew Pronsati. Sun. 8:30 a.m. (traditional), 10:30 a.m. (praise), both livestreamed, & 6 p.m. (outdoors, weather permitting). Check website for seasonal changes to service times. peacelutheran@peaceaa.net, peaceaa.net

Redeemer Lutheran Church and U-M Campus Ministry (WELS), 1360 Pauline. (734) 662–0663. Est. 1944. Membership: 65. Pastor Jacob Haag. Sunday 10:30 a.m. (Memorial–Labor Day weekends: 9:30 a.m.) contact@rlca2.com, rlca2.com **T**

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS), 7474 Scio Church. (734) 663–5708. Est. 1833. Membership: 403. Pastor Paul D. Jansen. Sun. 10 a.m., pastor@salem-annarbor.org, salem-annarbor.org

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS), 2945 E. Northfield Church Rd. (734) 761–1740. Est. 1869. Membership: 162. Pastor John P. Gierach. Sunday 10:30 a.m. (Memorial Day–Labor Day 9:30 a.m.) stjohnsnorthfield2015@gmail.com, stjohnsannarbor.org

St. Luke Lutheran Church (LCMS), 4205 Washtenaw. (734) 971–0550. Est. 1958. Rev. Dr. John Sproul. Sun. 8:30 a.m. (traditional), 10 a.m. (online), & 11 a.m. (contemporary). office@stlukeaa.org, stlukeaa.org

St. Paul Lutheran Church (LCMS), 420 W. Liberty. (734) 665–9117. Est. 1908. Membership: 1,200. Rev. Donald Neuendorf, senior pastor, Rev. Aaron Roggow, associate pastor. Sun. 8 & 10:45 a.m., (9:15 a.m. at St. Paul School, 495 Earhart), Sat. 6:30 p.m. office@stpaulannarbor.org, stpaulannarbor.org

St. Thomas Lutheran Church (LCMS), 10001 W. Ellsworth. (734) 663–7511. Est. 1842. Membership: 80. Elders Bruce Manny, Jeff Weidmayer, and Mac McConnell. Sun. 10 a.m. stthomaslcms.org

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA & RIC), 1400 W. Stadium. (734) 662–4419. Est. 1893. Membership: 350. Pastors Lori Carey and Sara Freudenburg. All worship online during Covid-19. Regular worship: Sept.–May: Sun. 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.; June–Aug. Sun. 10 a.m. (indoors), Sat. 5 p.m. (outdoors). trinitya2.org

University Lutheran Chapel, 1511 Washtenaw. (734) 663–5560. Community church with campus ministry focus. Pastor Gabe Kasper & campus pastor Marcus Lane. Sun. 8 a.m., 9:45 a.m. (livestreamed), & 11:30 a.m., info@ulcannarbor.org, ulcannarbor.org

Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1501 W. Liberty. (734) 994–4455. Est. 1833. Membership: 1,500. Pastors Jim Debner & Vicky Lovell. Sun. 8 a.m. (First Light Worship), 9 a.m. (Sola Worship), & 11:11 a.m. (Ignite Worship) Sola and Ignite services are livestreamed. Memorial Day–Labor Day: 8:30 a.m. (outside drive-in service), 9:30 a.m. (Sola Worship), & 11:11 a.m (Ignite Worship). God and Grub service Wed. noon. See website or call for additional service times. info@zlc-aa.org, zlc-aa.org

MENNONITE

Ann Arbor Mennonite Church, 2566 Arrowwood, (Arrowwood Cooperative Community Center). (734) 657–6055, (734) 973–2701. Est. 1967. Membership: 12. Rev. Chibuzor Ozor. Usually meets Sun. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. annarbormennonite.wordpress.com

Shalom Community Church (Mennonite/Church of the Brethren), 1001 Green Rd. (Green Wood FUMC). (734) 707–1212. Est. 1974. Membership: 75. Pastors Hillary Watson and Trevor Bechtel. Sun. 11 a.m. pastors@shalomcc.org, shalomcc.org **T**

MESSIANIC JEWISH

Congregation Zera Avraham, 2727 Fernwood (Calvary Presbyterian Church). (734) 707–8145. Est. 1993. Membership: 25. Rabbi Isaac Roussel. Sat. 10 a.m. contact@czaa2.org, czaa2.org

METHODIST

Calvary United Methodist Church, 1415 Miller. (734) 769–0869. Est. 1926. Membership: 80. Pastor Andrew Lee. Sun. 10 a.m. calvary1415@att.net, a2calvary.org

Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church, Dixboro. (734) 665–5632. Est. 1858. Membership: 200. Rev. Jeanne Garza. Sun. 10:30 a.m. dixboroumc@gmail.com, dixborochurch.org

First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, 120 S. State. (734) 662–4536. Est. 1827. Membership: 1,000. Pastor Nancy Lynn. Sun. 9:30 a.m. year-round. info@fumc-a2.org, fumc-a2.org

Korean United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, 1526 Franklin. (734) 662–0660. Est. 1981. Membership: 220. Revs. Joonshik Yoo & Steve Khang. Sun. 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. (Korean) & 11:30 a.m. (English), Tues.–Fri. 6 a.m. & Sat 7 a.m. (Korean). kumcaa.info@gmail.com, kumcaa.org

Wesley Foundation at the University of Michigan, 602 E. Huron, (First United Methodist Church). (734) 668–6881. A campus ministry open to all. Rev. Tim Kobler. See website for service times. umich.miwesley.org

West Side United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh. (734) 663–4164. Est. 1847. Membership: 305. Rev. Timothy Ziegler. Sun. 9 a.m. (outside), 10:30 a.m. (virtual), info@westside-umc.org, westside-umc.org

MORMON

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1385 Green. (734) 657–2077. Ann Arbor First Ward. Est. 1954. Membership: 400. Bishop Greg Christensen. Sun. 9 a.m. lds.org, mormon.org

MUSLIM

Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor, 2301 Plymouth. (734) 665–6772. Est. 1972. Membership: 1,500. Imam Mufti Abdullah Al-Mahmudi. For daily prayer times, visit website. office@mca-a2.org, mca-a2.org

NONDENOMINATIONAL

Accelerate Church, 6075 Jackson. (734) 585–5660. Est. 2010. Membership: 100. Pastor Lester Guest. Sun. 10 a.m. info@acceleratechurch.org, acceleratechurch.org

Arbor Bridge Church, 2500 S. Main. (734) 662–2756. Est. 1941. Membership: 100. Minister Darryl Cantry. Sun. 10:30 a.m. darryl@arborbridgechurch.com, arborbridgechurch.com

Fellowship Bible Church, 2775 Bedford. (734) 971–2837. Est. 1981. Membership: 100. Pastor Matthew Postiff. Sun. 9:45, 10:45 a.m., and 6 p.m. info@fbcaa.org, fbcaa.org **T**

Grace Bible Church: Refuge Campus, 1289 Jewett Ave, (Clonara School). (734) 663–0589. Est. 2016. Sun 10 a.m. info@gracea2.org, gracea2.org or therefugechurch.org

The greenroom, 410 W. Huron (Yellow Barn/Theatre Nova). (734) 274–9094. Est. 2010. Mon. 7:30 p.m. greenroomA2@gmail.com, thegreenroomchurch.com

New Life Church, 1541 Washtenaw. (734) 623–6313. Est. 1998. Membership: 450. Sun. 10:01 a.m. info@nlcweb.org, newlifeA2.org

NorthRock Church, 4100 Carpenter (Cinemark Theater). (734) 249–8293. Est. 2015. Pastor Jason Tucker. Sun. 9 & 10:30 a.m. info@northrock.tv, northrock.tv

Radiant Church, 410 S. Maple (behind Kroger). (734) 418–2012. Est. 2012. Pastor Jeremy Brown. Sunday mornings. info@radianta2.com, radiantA2.com

Redeemer Ann Arbor, 611 1/2 E. William. (734) 233–4575. Est. 2015. Pastors Jim Mong and Bart Bryant. Sun. 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. jmong@redeemera2.org, redeemera2.org **T**

Vineyard Church of Ann Arbor, 2275 Platt. (734) 477–9135. Est. 1975. Membership: 300. Pastor: Rev. Donnell T. Wyche. Sun. 10 a.m. mainoffice@annarborvineyard.org, annarborvineyard.org **T**

ORTHODOX PENTECOSTAL

Labor of Love Outreach Ministries, 3350 Textile. (734) 528–3663. Est. 1992. Membership: 250. Pastor Charles Hawthorne. Sun. 11 a.m. info@laboroflovechurch.org, facebook.com/pg/loveministries

PRESBYTERIAN

EPC: Evangelical Presbyterian Church; PCUSA: Presbyterian Church (USA); PCA: Presbyterian Church in America.

Ann Arbor Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw (First Presbyterian Church). (734) 922–5341. Est. 1976. Pastor Ho-Tek Tan. Sun. 2 p.m. tanhotek@gmail.com; www.aatpc.us

Calvary Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), 2727 Fernwood. (734) 971–3121. Est. 1946. Membership: 50. Sun. 10 a.m. calvarya2@gmail.com, calvarya2.com

Christ Church (PCA), 929 Barton (Northside Community Church). (734) 203–0389. Est. 2012. Membership: 100. Rev. Jeremy Byrd. Sun. 11:15 a.m. info@christchurcha2.org, christchurcha2.org

First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor (PCUSA), 1432 Washtenaw. (734) 662–4466. Est. 1826. Membership: 1,600. Sun. 8, 9:30, & 11 a.m., and first Tues. 7 p.m. (Taize service). info@firstpresbyterian.org, firstpresbyterian.org

Knox Presbyterian Church (EPC), 2065 S. Wagner. (734) 761–5669. Est. 1992. Membership: 550. Pastor Brian Gregory. Sun. 9:30 a.m. knox@knoxannarbor.org, knoxannarbor.org **T**

Korean Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor (PCA), 2141 Brockman. (734) 660–5712. Est. 1982. Membership: 200. Pastor Jae Joong Hwang. Sun. 9:30 & 11:30 a.m., Fri. 7 p.m. young adult service (Korean). chari42714@gmail.com, kpcaa.us

Northside Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), 1679 Broadway. (734) 663–5503. Est. 1959. Membership: 45. Rev. Jenny Saperstein. Sun. 10 a.m. ellen@northsidepres.org, northsidepres.org

Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), 1500 Scio Church. (734) 761–9320. Est. 1956. Membership: 200. PastorRev. Dr. Melissa Lynn DeRosia. Sun 11 am; online at bit.ly/westpres_sermons. wpcoffice@westpresa2.org. westpresa2.org **T**

QUAKER (SOCIETY OF FRIENDS)

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, 1420 Hill. (734) 761–7435. Est. 1935. Membership: 121. Clerk Kevin Miller. Sun. 9, (3rd Sun. 7:45), & 11 a.m. Fifth Sun. 10 a.m. only. aafmoffice@sbcglobal.net, annarborfriends.org

REFORMED

Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church, 1717 Broadway. (734) 665–0105. Est. 1961. Membership: 300 families. Pastors Ryan Boes, Noah Livingston, and Kristen Livingston. Sun. 10:30 a.m. office@aacrc.org, aacrc.org

Ann Arbor Hope Christian Reformed Church, 2500 S. Main. (734) 678–6462. Est. 1990. Membership: 220. Pastor Joseph Hun-Suk Bae & Brandon Kim. Sun. 2 p.m. (Korean & English). pastorbae@gmail.com, aahope.net **T**

Campus Chapel, 1236 Washtenaw Ct. (734) 668–7421. Est. 1940. Membership: 70. Rev. Matt Ackerman, Rev. Bailey Sarver. Sun. 10:30 a.m. office@campuschapel.org, campuschapel.org

Grace Ann Arbor, 2803 Boardwalk. (734) 548–1906. Est. 2009. Membership: 700. Sun. 9:30 & 11 a.m. office@gracechurch.city, gracechurch.city

Grace Ann Arbor West, 5171 Jackson. (734) 548–1906. Est. 2018. Membership 180. Sun. 9:30 & 11 a.m. office@gracechurch.city, gracechurch.city

SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army, 100 Arbana. (734) 668–8353. Membership: 85. Majors Kris and Mary Ann Wood. Sun. 11 a.m. MaryAnn_Wood@usc.salvationarmy.org, centralusa.salvationarmy.org/washtenaw **T**

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Ann Arbor Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2796 Packard. (734) 971–5919. Est. 1899. Membership: 225. Pastor Bryan Choi. Sat. 10:45 a.m., pastorbryanchoi@gmail.com, annarborsdachurch.org/ **T**

UNITARIAN

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, 4001 Ann Arbor–Saline. (734) 665–6158. Est. 1865. Membership: 645. Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti. Sun. 11:30 a.m. office@uuaa.org, uuaa.org

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave. (734) 665–6149. Est. 1833. Membership: 479. Rev. John L. Kennedy. Open and affirming congregation. Sun. 8:30 & 10 a.m. info@bethlehem-ucc.org, bethlehem-ucc.org

Church of the Good Shepherd, 2145 Independence. (734) 971–6133. Est. 1957. Membership: 140. Rev. Dr. Deborah Dean-Ware. Multiracial, LGBTQ-affirming congregation. Sun. 10:15 a.m. assistantpastor@cogsaa.org, cogsaa.org

UNITY

Unity Church of Ann Arbor, 4599 Carpenter. (734) 434–8545. Est. 1971. Membership: 50. Rev. Patrice Bittner, senior minister. Sun. 10 a.m. staff@unitya2.org, unitya2.org

Unity on Campus Ministry, 921 Church. (734) 787–3664. Est. 1998. Rev. Ernestine Griffin. Meets Thurs. 6 p.m., Sept.–April. unityoncampus@aol.com, unityoncampus.wordpress.com ■

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Entertainment

The arts series listed here are either on pause or operating in a limited fashion during Covid-19. Check websites for current information, and see AnnArborObserver.com for a growing selection of events in pandemic-safe virtual and socially-distanced formats.

ARTS SERIES

Academy of Early Music, P.O. Box 7694, 48107. (734) 228–4338. Full concert season celebrating music from the Middle Ages to the Classical Era, performed by period-instrument ensembles from around the world. Also, lectures and outreach events with series artists. info@academyofearlymusic.org, academyofearlymusic.org

The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets: (734) 763–8587. Office: (734) 761–1800. This 400–seat club presents a wide range of folk and roots music by local, national, and international performers. feedback@theark.org, theark.org

Ann Arbor Civic Band. Gail Ferguson Stout, president, (734) 260–9828. Community band performs Wed. in June and July at the West Park band shell. New members welcome. info@annarborcivicband.org, annarborcivicband.org

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 322 W. Ann. (734) 971–2228. Full season of shows, both musicals and plays, from Broadway and Off-Broadway, as well as children's theater and camps, and intimate studio productions. Workshops on acting, playwriting, and various aspects of production. manager@a2ct.org, a2ct.org

Ann Arbor Concert Band. (734) 478–7515. Founded 1978. Symphonic wind ensemble performs new compositions and classic band literature in 2 p.m. Sun. concerts at the Michigan Theater & Hill Auditorium Nov.– May. See website for concert dates. contactus@aaband.org, aaband.org

Ann Arbor in Concert, 3588 Plymouth Rd, #384. (734) 786–3868. Produces musicals in a concert format. Productions feature a large orchestra, principal actors, and a choral/dance ensemble. info@a2ic.org, a2ic.org

Ann Arbor Society for Musical Arts, Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. (734) 930–0353. Presents a series of 6 concerts on Wednesday mornings in the fall and spring at the Ann Arbor City Club. Sponsors the SMA Rosalie Edwards Youth Music Competition and SMA Collegiate Youth Artist Competition annually. fischer709@comcast.net, annarborsma.org

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, 35 Research Dr. #100. (734) 994–4801. The Taste of Music program brings summertime concerts to farmers markets. Free KinderConcerts at Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Dexter, Saline, and Chelsea libraries encourage dancing and moving to the music. Informative and fun talks before each classical performance, and Instrument Petting Zoos before family concerts. info@a2so.com, a2so.com

Arbor Opera Theater. (734) 707–1021. Professional opera company featuring national emerging professional singers. Full operatic productions, educational programs, recitals, and cabaret. arboropera@gmail.com, arboropera.com

Concerts in the Park, Burns Park. (734) 794–6250. Free family concerts in this east-side park from late July-Aug. on Sun. 3–4:30 p.m. bruthven@a2gov.org, a2gov.org/parkconcerts

The CoOp, 213 S. State, (Openfloor Studio). Intimate, accessible, community-oriented concert venue. Seats 50. Folk, soul, jazz, hip-hop, bluegrass, and indie-rock. Concerts Fri. nights 7:45. $5. thecoop.aa@gmail.com, thecoopaa.wixsite.com/thecoop

Encore Musical Theatre Company, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. (734) 268–6200. Professional musical theater productions feature Broadway performers and local talent. theencoretheatre.org

Green Wood Coffee House, 1001 Green (First United Methodist Church). (734) 665–8558. Folk and acoustic music on many Fri. nights. Shows at 8 p.m., doors at 7:30 p.m. Sept.–May. greenwoodcoffeehouse.org

Kerrytown Chime, 407 N. Fifth. Heather O'Neal, (734) 369–3107. Second floor in the Kerrytown Market and Shops. Everyone welcome to play this 17–bell chime; more than 100 songs written out by number to choose from. Free. Open Wed. & Fri., noon - 12:30 p.m., Sat., 10:30 - 11 a.m., other times with advance reservation. ofglobal@aol.com, kerrytown.com/about

Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave.. (734) 769–2999. An intimate 110–seat performing arts venue and visual arts gallery in a historic home, offering performances in classical, jazz, experimental, and cabaret music, and theater. kch@kerrytownconcerthouse.com, kerrytownconcerthouse.com

Kreft Arts Program, 4090 Geddes, Concordia University Arts. (734) 995–7537. Theater, musical and dance concerts, art exhibits, and lectures by international artists and Concordia students and faculty. cuaa.edu/life/kreft/gallery.html

Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. (734) 668–8397. Ann Arbor's 1920s movie palace. A nonprofit center for fine film and the performing arts, open 365 days a year. Hosts the Cinetopia International Film Festival, the Not Just For Kids professional live theater series, Young Filmmaker's Camp (three week-long summer sessions for age 11–17), and films daily. Membership: $35/year and up. info@michtheater.org, michtheater.org

One Pause Poetry. Poetry readings and author conversations with local and national poets. Also weekly (Wed. 8–10 p.m.) poetry salon at Argus Farm Stop, 325 W. Liberty. All events are free, accessible, and open to all. info@onepausepoetry.org, onepausepoetry.org

Canceled by the pandemic, the Ann Arbor Summer Festival bounced back with a "Not Too Close" summer concert series.

The Penny Seats Theatre Company, 215 Chapin (West Park). (734) 926–5346. Low-cost shows at the West Park band shell in summer, and indoor shows at various venues in winter. Dramas and comedies, musicals and original adaptations, classics and works by up-and-coming playwrights—as well as cabaret shows, acting classes and improv evenings. pennyseats@gmail.com, pennyseats.org

Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park, Chelsea. (734) 433–7782. Tickets: (734) 433–7673 or on website. Professional company, founded by actor Jeff Daniels, presenting "world-class, original American theatre." tickets@purplerosetheatre.org, purplerosetheatre.org

Theatre NOVA, 410 W. Huron (previously the Yellow Barn). (734) 635–8450. Professional theatre dedicated to producing new plays year-round. The season includes seven mainstage productions (comedies, dramas and a holiday show for families) and two Michigan Playwrights Festivals, featuring staged readings of new works in development. Pay-what-you-can tickets are available for those who need them and there is on-site free parking. Also offers Build-a-Play classes for youth throughout the school year and a summer camp for youth. A2TheatreNova@gmail.com, theatrenova.org

U-M Basement Arts, 1226 Murfin. Free student theater series featuring classical, contemporary, and original works at the Walgreen Drama Center, North Campus. facebook.com/basementarts

U-M English Department Zell Visiting Writers Series. (734) 615–3710. Hosts emerging and established fiction writers, poets, essayists, and critics weekly. Most readings at U-M Museum of Art's Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State. Q&A sessions in Hopwood Room, 435 S. State, rm. 1176. All events free and open to the public. lsa.umich.edu/writers

U-M School of Music, Theatre & Dance, 1100 Baits. (734) 764–0583. Michigan League ticket office: (734) 764–2538. The school's faculty and students present hundreds of concerts every year, including solo and ensemble concerts, theater, musical theater, and dance. Performances, usually free, at various campus locations. music.umich.edu

U-M University Activities Center, Michigan Union, 530 S. State. (734) 763–1107. An umbrella organization for more than a dozen U-M student organizations, including: Amazin' Blue (coed a cappella ensemble), Big Ticket Productions (annual concert), ComCo (comedy improv troupe), Groove Performance Group (musical performance using traditional and nontraditional instruments), Impact Dance (jazz and lyrical/contemporary dance group), Michigan Pops Orchestra, MUSKET (musical theater company), The Rude Mechanicals (theater group), Photonix (glowsticking), Every Three Weekly (satirical newspaper), RhythM (tap ensemble), M-Agination Films (student produced films), M-Flicks (free on-campus movie screenings), and Michigan Academic Competitions (quiz bowl). Most have Facebook pages.

UMS, Burton Memorial Tower, 881 North University. (734) 764–2538. Presents top international orchestras and classical soloists, chamber ensembles, jazz and world music artists, international theater, contemporary events, and dance artists at Hill Auditorium, Power Center, Rackham Auditorium, and other venues. Also, dozens of free educational events. ums.org

Washtenaw Community College Performing Arts Department, 4800 E. Huron River Dr..(734) 677–5090. Performances in drama, acting, improvisation, dance, and vocal music. See Facebook for schedule. facebook.com/padwcc

Wild Swan Theater, 6175 Jackson, (office). (734) 995–0530. Professional adult troupe performs family-oriented theater. Productions are usually based on original scripts adapted from classic and contemporary children's literature. Performances in Towsley Auditorium at Washtenaw Community College. Special services for hearing-impaired and visually-impaired patrons. wildswan@wildswantheater.org, wildswantheater.org ■

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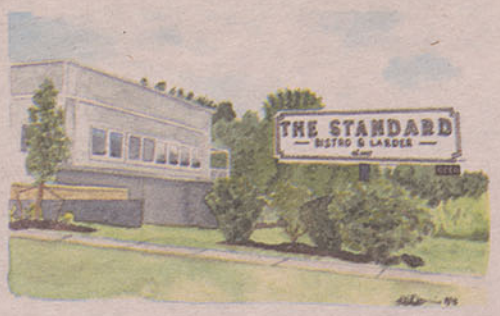
Restaurants

Eating Out

Restaurants revitalized Ann Arbor. Then came the pandemic.

by Josie Schneider



PAINTINGS BY KATHERINE DOWNIE

"It was a dark and stormy Sunday night, and I met my friend Jennifer Conlin for dinner at Mikette," Micheline Maynard recalls. "We were browsing through the appetizers when I spotted the fried chicken. I love fried chicken, so that was a no doubter. I bit into a piece, and it was like a Disney movie, with bluebirds tweeting and shooting stars going off around my head. It was that good."

For M.B. Lewis, the "first time I ever saw or tasted purple sweet potatoes was in 2013 at the stylish Babo deli that catered to Ann Arbor's new high-rise dwellers from its big-windowed perch at Washington and Division. Opportunity to adore açaí bowls came after Babo morphed to Fred's a few years later."

Sally Mitani met a friend weekly for breakfast ever since he helped her move a couch more than twenty years ago, most recently at the Classic Cup Cafe on Jackson Rd. But she hasn't seen him in months. He is "in his seventies, has COPD, and won't set foot in a restaurant until the pandemic is over," she says. And even if a vaccine is released tomorrow, they can't celebrate at the Classic Cup. Like Mikette and Wilma's—the last incarnation of Babo/Fred's—it was killed by Covid-19.

Mikette, the Standard Bistro & Larder, and Logan were all destinations for local diners—until Covid-19 rewrote the rules for eating out. Fifteen places have closed, and many others teeter on a cliff's edge.

At least fifteen Ann Arbor restaurants have shuttered since March, and many others teeter on a cliff's edge. In a June Observer interview, Mainstreet Ventures president and CEO Kevin Gudejko predicted the locally based fine-dining chain would be operating at a loss for twelve months—and that as many as one in five local restaurants might not survive.

So it made no sense to try to publish our usual year-round guide to every restaurant and bar in greater Ann Arbor. Instead, we emailed four past and present Observer food writers to get their thoughts on the rise of Ann Arbor's restaurant scene, why it mattered, and what might come next.

"I miss my 70s restaurants: Whiffletree, La Pinata, the Parthenon, Manikas, Steve's Lunch," writes Mitani, a restaurant reviewer from 1987–1993 and Marketplace Changes writer from 2012–2018. "But oh my God! The 80s were the revolution that's still with us … Chinese split into a dozen sub-genres. Pizzas came on thin crust. We were eating raw fish! Escoffier was just like being in Paris! Zingerman's began making bread!"

As chain restaurants kept expanding, diners also learned to cherish places that were "independent" and "chef driven"—owned by people, not corporations, and shaped by the head cook's convictions and passions more than market research.

"Chef-driven cooking is an art that brings pleasure, evokes memories, and provokes surprise and conversation," writes Lee Lawrence, who's been involved in the food business in one way or another for more than thirty years and has reviewed restaurants for the Observer since 2010. "It satisfies the body, soul, and spirit.

"Restaurant chefs are usually the first to introduce new ingredients, foods, and dishes from abroad, new flavor and texture combinations. What would life be like without cilantro, bacon in dessert, SE Asian influences? Eventually these innovations, ideas, and introductions go mainstream and broaden all our choices, but it's the independent chefs and restaurants that begin the long education process."

"Yes, chef-driven restaurants are terrific," Mitani writes—with the caveat that they're "usually short-lived. A chef-driven restaurant is a place with an exciting and excitable cook who almost certainly doesn't know how to work with other people and burns out quickly. 'Independent' is a good thing, too—for the local economy. But there are independent restaurants that get their ravioli off the Sysco truck. Find a restaurant where the owner says s/he can't afford to deal with Sysco and you've probably found a good place."

"I'm not as focused on chefs, because chefs bounce from place to place," says Maynard, who reviews restaurants for the Observer, oversees the Marketplace Changes column, and is working on a book about Zingerman's. "I'm a huge supporter of independent restaurants, especially when the owner makes the rounds of the dining room to check on customers. Ari at Zingerman's Roadhouse, Don at Knight's, Nick at Nick's House of Pancakes, Helen at Village Kitchen, Adam at Mani."

Mani Osteria owner Adam Baru also owned Mikette on Plymouth Rd. After briefly using it as a central takeout location, he closed it in June to focus on Mani and Isalita, which sit next to each other at the corner of Liberty and Division.

Lawrence credits Mani and Isalita with breaking down the town/gown divide between Main St. and State St. in the early 2010s. Since then, she says, "all ages move freely throughout town."

As the dining districts grew and overlapped, chefs and investors alike saw opportunity. Or at least imagined it.

"Restaurants are so romanticized in movies and on TV," writes Maynard. "There's the impression you'll rule the roost, and your creativity will win over an adoring audience. Likewise, some people love providing hospitality. They see customers as guests in their 'home,' and they want to celebrate with them."

"American exceptionalism has always had a 'pull up by your bootstraps' and 'be the host of your own party every day' manifestation that can be motivation for restaurateurs," agrees Lewis, an Observer reviewer from 2010–2019. "In the best of times, this can make visions reality, sustaining ethnic traditions or values like vegetarianism."

People open restaurants "because they're inspired, talented, driven, or because it's all they've known," writes Lawrence. "Because they love to cook or to share or to create. Because they have a vision. Because they love speed and energy and parties. Because they love to give back to the community."

But, she adds, "Ann Arbor, particularly downtown, has been over-saturated with restaurants for years." Lawrence is "pretty sure the public will return to eating out as soon as it's truly viable, but I'm not sure the closed restaurants will reopen as new ones, or that landlords will bless the transformation of their buildings into eateries." When Arbor Brewing Company closed after twenty-five years, owner Michael Collins said he thought his landlord would be happy with a non-restaurant tenant.

"Even if someone is willing to take on the headache of starting a restaurant in the next two to five years, who's going to invest in it?" Lawrence asks.

"Lots of people will still dream of owning places, but it's going to be harder to get financing," agrees Maynard. "Four out of five failed in five years pre-pandemic. It is a very tough business and Covid will just make it tougher."

How much tougher will depend on how long the pandemic lasts, and how long it takes to recover from the recession it triggered.

We'll be following those questions in the monthly Marketplace Changes column. Stay tuned. ■

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Pets & Wildlife

Contact for changes during Covid-19.

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PETS

Pet rules and rescue; activities, pet emergencies, rescue, and advocacy

Health Emergencies

Ann Arbor Animal Hospital, 2150 W. Liberty. (734) 662–4474. Specializes in small animal care and offers walk-in services, appointments, and 24-hr. emergency and critical care services for cats, dogs, and some small mammals. clientinfo@annarboranimalhospital.com, annarboranimalhospital.com

BluePearl Specialty + Emergency Pet Hospital, 4126 Packard. (734) 971–8774. 24-hour emergency veterinary care for dogs and cats, and specialty services. info.annarbor@bluepearlvet.com, bluepearlvet.com/ann-arbor-mi

Emergency Veterinary Hospital, 5245 Jackson. (734) 369–6446. During Covid-19: Check in online first. 24-hour emergency care for cats, dogs, or exotic pets. staff@emergencyvetannarbor.com, emergencyvetannarbor.com

Activities

Ann Arbor Companion Bird Club. Mary, (313) 492–0826. During Covid-19: Mtgs suspended. Education about companion birds and information on nutrition, care, behavior, and rescue. Public may adopt their rescue birds, such as macaws, cockatiels, African greys, and others. Email to meet a bird. Meets 2nd Sun. 2 p.m. at Pet People, 3330 Washtenaw. mdw0123@aol.com, aacbc.org

Broadway Park, 800 Broadway. City maintained off-leash park. Separate areas for small dogs and large dogs. Permit required. Read website FAQs before attending. a2gov.org/dogparks **V**

Dependable Dogs, 2370 E. Stadium, #1016. (734) 834–4938. Presents workshops, Dogs & Storks, and Dogs & Toddlers supporting new parents in nurturing safe and harmonious relationships among all family members, human and canine. Also offers dog adoption assistance and bite prevention education. trainer@dependabledogs.com, facebook.com/dependabledogs

Dog Swim, 7660 Stony Creek, Ypsilanti, (Rolling Hills Water Park). (734) 484–9676. Annual event through Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation. Set times for 3 different weight categories of dogs and a 2-dog limit per person. Sept. 12, 2020. $5 per dog per day. parkinsons@washtenaw.org, washtenaw.org/653/doggy-dip

Olson Park, 1505 Dhu Varren. City maintained off-leash dog park. Permit required. Read website FAQs before attending. a2gov.org/dogparks **V**

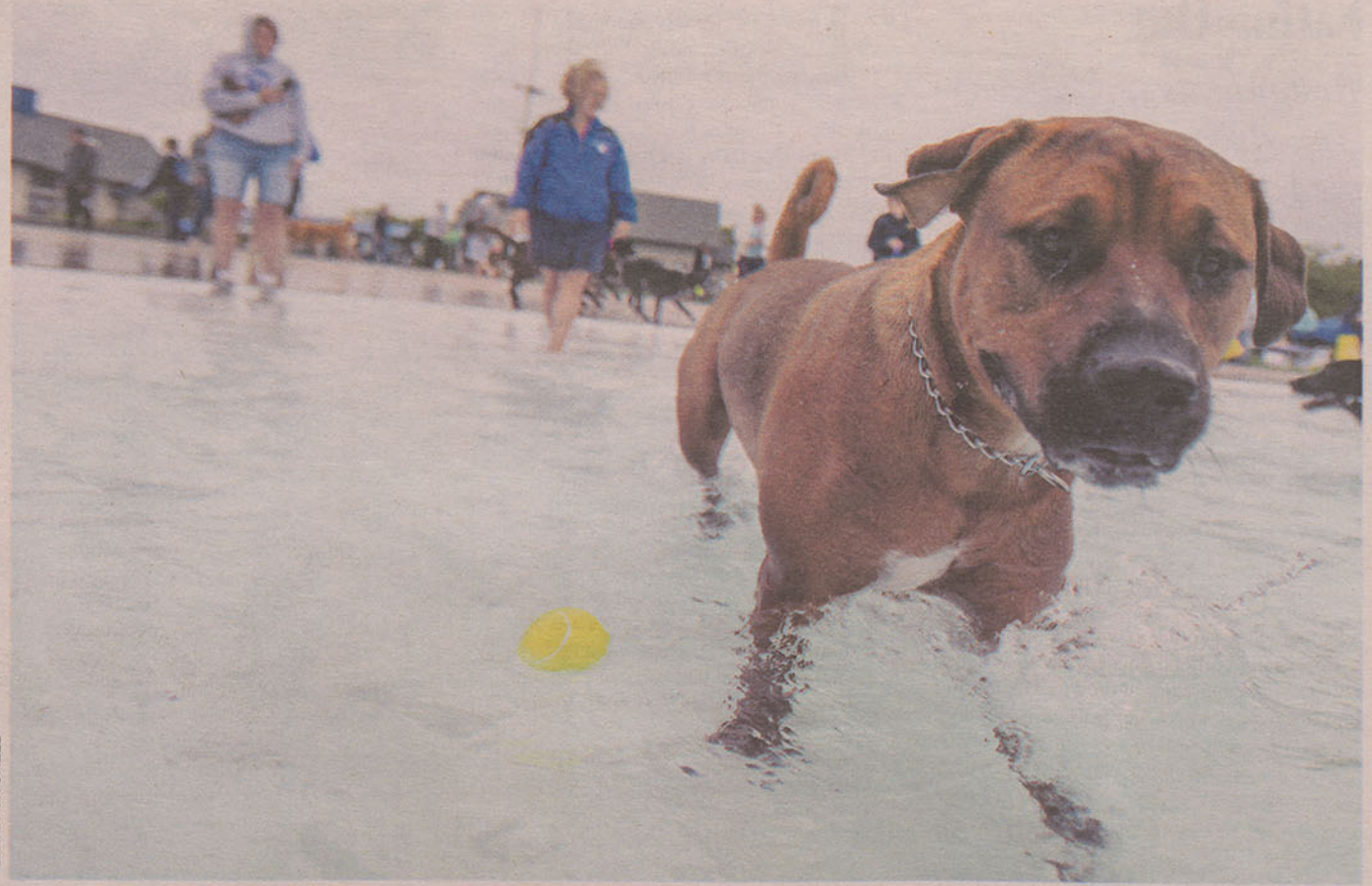
The Petting Farm, 3001 Earhart at Domino Farms Office Park. (734) 998–0182. Since 1984, families and school field trips have petted rabbits, goats, llamas, sheep, and cows, and watched peacocks show off. Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Seasonal hours vary. $6 general admission, $5.50 senior admission, $3 first responders, children under 23 months free. Private birthday parties available. info@pettingfarm.com, pettingfarm.com

Swift Run Dog Park, Platt at Ellsworth. Joint city-county maintained 10-acre off-leash park. Separate areas for small dogs and large dogs. Permit required. Read website FAQs before attending. a2gov.org/dogparks **V**

Therapaws of Michigan. Canine-assisted therapy program dedicated to promoting and fostering the human-animal bond in therapeutic and educational settings. Individual owner-dog teams visit schools and libraries, patients in hospitals, and residents in extended care facilities, providing social, emotional, and physical benefits. info@therapaws.org, therapaws.org **V**

Adoption & Advocacy

Animals & Society Institute, 2512 Carpenter, #202-A. (734) 677–9240. Helps improve and expand knowledge about human-animal relationships in order to improve animal lives. Translates research on human-animal interaction into practice, providing essential knowledge and tools, and promoting evidence-based approaches. animalsandsociety.org **V**



BRYAN MITCHELL

Most aquatic events were canceled in the summer of 2020, but in August, the Rolling Hills Dog Swim was still scheduled for Sept. 12 (Activities)

Ann Arbor Cat Clinic, 3690 Packard. (734) 973–9090. Feline veterinary hospital with an adoption program that places stray cats into permanent homes. Does not accept cats surrendered by their owners. annarborcatclinic.com

Crafty Cat Rescue. (734) 680–2418. No-kill rescue service for cats and small animals. Foster-based rescue. Cats and small companion animals for adoption via adoptapet.com or petfinder.com. info@craftycatrescue, facebook.com/craftycatrescue, craftycatrescue.org **V**

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary. (734) 985–9220. Provides safe haven to abandoned, abused, and neglected domestic rabbits and other animals with the goal of finding them new homes; those not eligible for adoption remain in sanctuary. Eight volunteer work days throughout the year. adoptions@rabbitsanctuary.org, rabbitsanctuary.org **V**

Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill. (734) 662–5585. Pet adoptions, 7 days/week: (734) 662–5585. Lost/found pets: (734) 661–3545. Affordable veterinary clinic open to public: (734) 662–4365. Monthly discount vaccine clinics: hshv.org/vaccineclinics. Humane Education program includes camps, field trips, parties, tours. Wildlife Rescue & Humane Wildlife Removal Service: (734) 661–3512. Relationship-based dog training. Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) helps control outdoor cat population. Programs to help pet owners in crisis. Many volunteer opportunities. See website for hours/events. info@hshv.org, hshv.org **V**

Kat Snips. Neutering service. Apply online then take your cat(s) to one of nine contracted vet hospitals. $25/cat. katsnips.org

Last Day Dog Rescue. (248) 921–2850. Regional organization holds monthly dog and cat, adoption events at the Petco in Arborland Shopping Center, first Saturdays. ourlastdaydogs@gmail.com, lastdaydogrescue.org V

Leuk's Landing, 5508 Tanglewood. (734) 665–7431. Provides a permanent home for cats and kittens diagnosed with Feline Leukemia. Space for 40 cats and kittens. Facility is a retrofitted building with windows, high perches, catwalks and a kitchenette. Provides outdoor access to a natural fenced area. Accepts cats as space becomes available. leukslanding@gmail.com, leukslanding.org **V**

Michigan Orphan Kitten Rescue (MOKR), PO Box 779, Saline, 48176. Foster care group specializing in orphaned kittens age newborn to four weeks. michiganorphankittenrescue@gmail.com, mikittens.org, facebook.com/mikittens

SASHA Farm (Sanctuary and Safe Haven for Animals), 17901 Mahrle Rd., Manchester. (734) 428–9617. The largest farm animal sanctuary in the Midwest. See website for volunteer opportunities and upcoming events. info@sashafarm.org, sashafarm.org **V**

Tiny Lions Lounge & Adoption Center, 5245 Jackson. (734) 661–3530. Cat café drop-in lounge; spend time with cats from the Humane Society of Huron Valley who are looking for homes. Tues.-Sat. noon-7 p.m., closed Sun. & Mon. $4/half hour, $7/hour, or $15/full day. Free coffee and Wi-Fi. Special activities include yoga with cats ($10 per class), family "mewvie" nights ($10), wine & trivia nights ($15), coloring nights ($10), knitting circle, birthday parties, and workplace and special event rentals. Reserve a time online. tinylions.org **V**

Laws & Animal Control

Animal Control. Emergency: 911. Humane Society: (734) 662–5585. The City of Ann Arbor Police Department partners with the Humane Society of Huron Valley to respond to animal nuisance complaints, pick up healthy stray animals, and investigate animal bites.

Ann Arbor Pet Laws. *During Covid-19: Dog license renewal program is suspended.* Dog owners must have their pets under "reasonable control"—that is, leashed or confined— at all times; they also are required to clean up after their dogs on both public and private property. Licenses are mandatory for dogs over 6 months. Tags may be issued for 1 yr., ($6 neutered/$12 unaltered) 2 yrs. ($11/22) or 3 yrs. ($15/$30), but may not be issued for longer than the year of expiration of the rabies vaccination certificate. All dog licenses expire on May 30. Service dogs are licensed for free.

Owners of all pets must provide proper food, drink, and shelter from the weather for their animals, as well as the medical attention necessary to prevent the animals from suffering. Animals may not be left confined without adequate ventilation.

For more information about city requirements, search "animal control" at a2gov.org

Reporting Animal Cruelty. To report a sick or injured animal, call the Humane Society of Huron Valley hotline (734) 661–3512. To report suspected animal cruelty, call the hotline and leave the address with major cross streets, and a detailed account of what type of cruelty you suspect; or file a report online at hshv.org/get-help/report-animal-abuse

Humane Society of Huron Valley cruelty investigators investigate reports of animal cruelty in Washtenaw County. Michigan law defines animal cruelty as any of the following: Failure to provide an animal with adequate food, water, a shelter or medical treatment; improperly tethering (or chaining) an animal; abandoning or causing an animal to be abandoned without providing for the animal's adequate care; cruelly beating, torturing, maiming or killing an animal; willfully or negligently allowing an animal to suffer unnecessarily; transporting an animal in a vehicle in a cruel or inhumane manner; either poisoning or exposing an animal to poison; the cropping of a dog's ears or the docking of a dog's tails, unless such cropping is performed by a registered veterinary surgeon while the dog is under anesthetic.

WILDLIFE

Birding Sites. For descriptions and directions to major birding sites in Ann Arbor and beyond, see www-personal.umich.edu/~bbowman/birds/se_mich/locations

The Creature Conservancy, 4950 Ann Arbor–Saline. (734) 929–9324. During Covid-19: Weekend hours only. See website for changes in programs. Strives to create personal connections among people, animals and their shared environment. Brings humans and animals together in educational settings. Visitors may hear a kookaburra laugh, see a kangaroo hop, touch a sloth or watch a raven play catch. Host events at their location or yours or visit 30+ species of animals on weekend afternoons. Outdoor animals can be seen daily year-round 10 a.m.–6 p.m. /dusk. Indoor exhibits open Sat. & Sun. 1–5 p.m., $10 for adults and $8 for children; animal presentations every half hour. Summer camps/school-year camps and field trips. info@thecreatureconservancy.org, thecreatureconservancy.org

Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Wildlife Division: (517) 284–9453. Answers questions related to hunting, wildlife, and provides assistance with habitat management. Phone Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Go to website's "Eyes in the Field," (secure1.state.mi.us/ORS/Home), to report wildlife, such as wild turkey counts or diseased animals. Invite the DNR to participate in a school or community program. Referrals to licensed animal rescuers and rehabilitators. The Report All Poaching Hotline is available 24 hours

EMILY GUNDERSON

Puppy Promenade

A neighborhood morale booster on Soule Blvd.

On the afternoon before the Puppy Promenade was scheduled to take place, organizer Linda Hoadley, who lives next door to me, had no idea if it would actually happen. She'd come up with the idea of inviting neighborhood dogs and their so-called masters to congregate at the flagpole in front of Eberwhite School and walk, at a social distance, down Soule to Liberty and back as the rest of the neighborhood watched.

Our neighborhood seemed like a natural for this event. In addition to the dogs we see taken for walks every day, there have been countless more this summer, coming from farther afield as people have time to take their dogs for longer strolls. And Hoadley had enlisted aid from her neighbors on either side to publicize it. Fifteen-year-old Poppy Dudley helped create a flyer that she and Hoadley posted on trees and telephone poles and handed out in front of each of their houses. Poppy's mother, Dianne Dudley, volunteered to meet whoever showed up at the school and organize them to leave at certain intervals.

My contribution was to send out several messages on the neighborhood email list, which I manage, to help publicize the event. But by the day of the tour, I had only received two replies, one saying she was sorry to miss it because she was up north and another suggesting some improvements if we did it again. Not one person replied with anything like "great idea" or "my dog and I would love to be part of it,"

A little before 7 p.m., the time the parade was scheduled to start, my husband Stan and I went outside to see if anything was happening. To my surprise, all around us other neighbors were doing the same thing—and when I looked up the street, I saw a whole bunch of dogs and their owners walking down from the school. The sight brought tears to my eyes. I couldn't believe it was really happening!

Hoadley, a retired middle school teacher, had included a list of what was expected of the dogs, including, "Use your inside voice." I did hear some barking just as the parade started, but then the dogs all became very well-behaved. They walked proudly with their owners and seemed to understand when bystanders commented on how cute or beautiful they were. There are a few dogs in the neighborhood that you can't tell who is walking whom, but they either weren't included, or they got with the program when they saw what the other dogs were doing.

Costumes were optional but quite a few dressed up. There were bows and ribbons, bandanas, tutus, and pom-poms. Lisa Patrell dressed her dog Venus with a sign touting state supreme court candidate Elizabeth Welch. Leslie Adams said her Charlie usually resists being dressed as a hot dog, but today he strode happily by. Stan started taking pictures of each dog that passed our house, but cried "uncle" after he reached twenty-five with many more coming.

Anne and Deron Brod were fostering a little dachshund who'd recently had an operation. They didn't think he would be able to do the walk, so they pushed him in a stroller. Several older dogs, whose owners also didn't think they were up to it, watched with their people from the sidelines.

When the walk ended, both spectators and dog owners gathered around the cross streets, masked and at safe distances, until it started to get dark and they reluctantly went back inside. It was obvious that people were hungry for talk and socializing.

A few days later we received an email addressed to myself, Linda, and the Dudleys from neighbor Caroline Gray, who wrote "We loved having a way for our little girl to interact with her neighbors (and their furry friends) while staying safe." I told Linda she was in trouble now—she'd have to organize this event every year or she would have a riot on her hands.

—Grace Shackman

a day, 7 days a week. Call or text (800) 292–7800. DNR-Wildlife@michigan.gov, michigan.gov/wildlife **V**

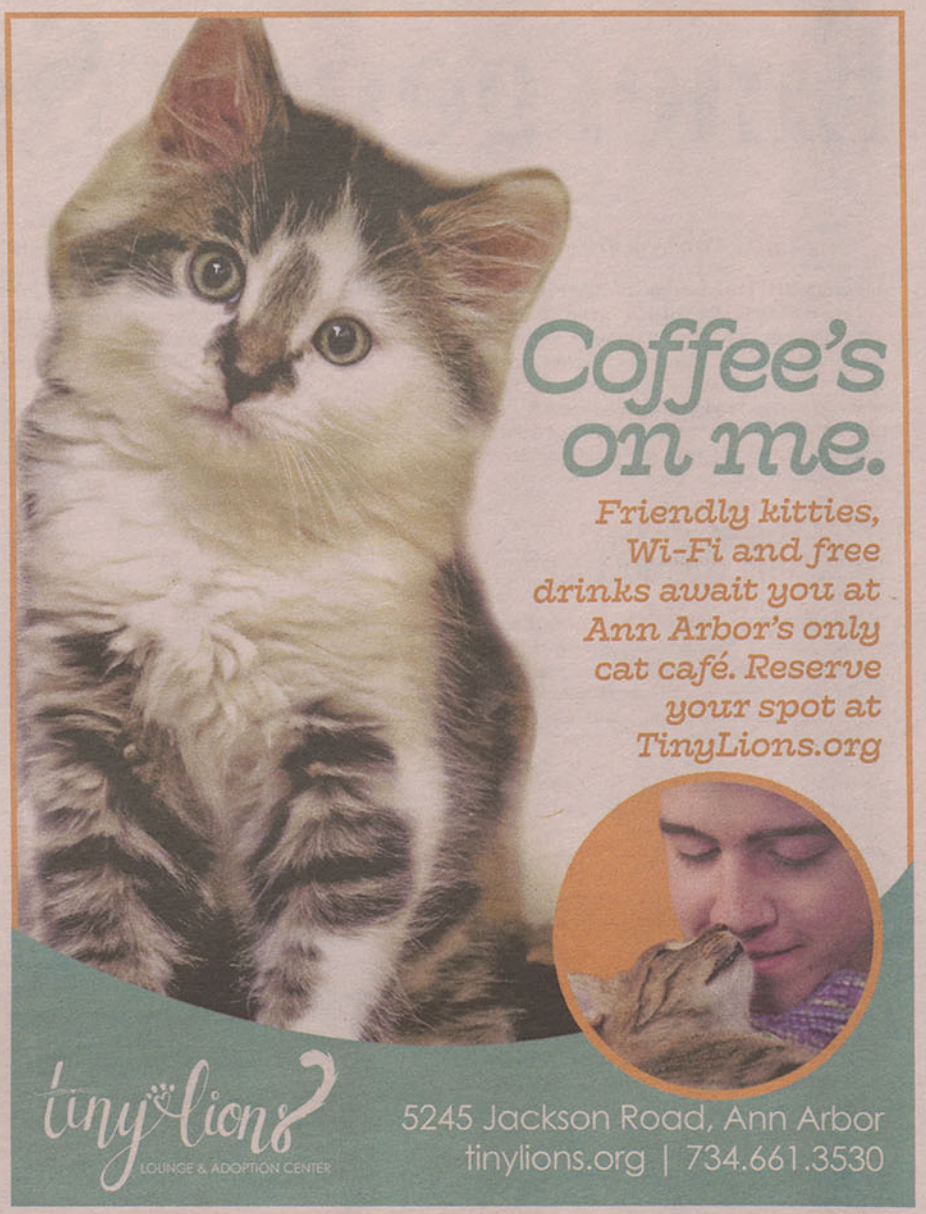
Natural Area Preservation (City of Ann Arbor), 3875 E. Huron River. (734) 794–6627. Staff and volunteers conduct plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring, and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor parks. Projects include volunteer surveys of breeding birds, frogs, & toads, and salamanders; seed collecting and sowing; conducting prescribed burns, and more. See website for information about volunteer training, hikes, and educational opportunities. NAP@a2gov.org, a2gov.org/NAP **V**

Rescue & Removal

Bird Center of Washtenaw County, 926 Mary. (734) 761–9640 (daily 7 a.m.–9 p.m., May–Oct.). During Covid-19: Call before bringing birds to the center. Emergency care for orphaned and injured wild songbirds with the intent of returning them to their habitats. Provides referrals for injured waterfowl and raptors such as hawks and owls. During fall and winter when the Mary Street Center is not open, the answering machine will direct callers to find help. BirdCenterA2@gmail.com, birdcenterwashtenaw.org **V**

Friends of Wildlife, PO Box 1505, AA 48106. (734) 548–3132. Volunteers rescue, rehabilitate, and release orphaned or injured wildlife. Licensed by and has a close working relationship with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Training for volunteers. See website for species-specific phone numbers to call when you find injured wildlife. friendsofwildlifeMI@gmail.com, friendsofwildlife.net **V**

Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill. (734) 661–3512. Wildlife rescue & humane wildlife removal service. hshv.org/get-help/wildlife ■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Emergency Services

EMERGENCY 911

Emergency 911. For emergencies in Ann Arbor and all of Washtenaw County, dial 911. This emergency number connects callers with the nearest police communications center or Washtenaw Metro Dispatch. These centers are linked directly to Huron Valley Ambulance and to local fire departments. After dialing 911, give the dispatcher the location and nature of the emergency, and your name and phone number. Do not hang up until after the dispatcher does.

ABUSE, ASSAULT, & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Abuse and Neglect Hotline (Washtenaw County Protective Services, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services). Abuse & neglect hotline (24 hours): (855) 444–3911. Crisis intervention for the abuse or neglect of children or adults. Connects to Children's Protective Services and Adult Protective Services, which investigate allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation, and provide protection to the vulnerable. michigan.gov/dhs (click on Abuse & Neglect)

SafeHouse Center, 4100 Clark, (734) 995–5444 (24 hours, translation available). 24-hour sexual assault and domestic violence response teams, confidential crisis counseling, legal advocacy, shelter, drop-in support groups. Services free and confidential for victims (and their children) who live or work in Washtenaw County. info@safehousecenter.org, safehousecenter.org

DISASTERS

American Red Cross 24-Hour Emergency Services. (305) 644–1200 (24 hours). Food, shelter, clothing, and mental and health services for disaster victims; worldwide communication links to military personnel regarding immediate family emergencies. International tracing and contact services to those affected by disasters and war. redcross.org/local/michigan/get-help.html

Ann Arbor Office of Emergency Management. (734) 794–6980. Coordinates all City of Ann Arbor emergency planning for weather-related and other disasters, maintains an emergency operations center, conducts emergency preparedness training and operates a citywide storm/tornado warning siren system. a2gov.org (search for Emergency Operations).

CodeRED. (734) 794–6980. Ann Arbor residents can register to receive automatic phone messages, texts, or email about evacuations, flooding, chemical spills, boil water advisories, and other emergencies in the city. a2gov.org/codered

Traumatic Events Response Network (TERN). Call Washtenaw Metro Dispatch, (734) 994–2911 (24 hours), and request a "TERN" response. Mental health–related crisis intervention, for survivors of natural disasters, accidents, violent crimes, or other traumatic events. washtenaw.org (search for TERN)

Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center. Emergency: 911 or (734) 973–4900. Coordinates disaster preparation, response, and public information about dangerous weather, hazardous material response, or any large-scale emergency. Emergency Alert System (EAS) links to all radio and television stations. mi-washtenawcounty.civicplus.com/1756/Emergency-Operations-Center

ENVIRONMENT

Pollution Emergency Alerting System (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality). (800) 292–4706 (24 hours). Call to report spills and other outdoor environmental emergencies. michigan.gov, (search for PEAS)

FAMILY CRISES

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline. (800) 422–4453 (24 hours). Confidential crisis intervention for children, caregivers, and those legally required to report child abuse. Referrals to emergency, social, and support services. Information on abuse and parenting issues. Interpreters in 170 languages available. childhelp.org

Emergency Food Program (Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County), 815 Taylor (Northside Community Center), (734) 662–4462. Distributes groceries and personal care items to low-income families and individuals on a monthly and/or emergency basis. Also provides assistance on how to apply for food benefits and provides referrals to outside agencies for other critical services. Tues. 2–5:30 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. csswashtenaw.org/food-pantry

Ozone House, 1600 N. Huron River, Ypsilanti (youth shelter), crisis phone/text line 24 hours: (734) 662–2222. Or chat online with a crisis counselor on website. Drop-in center: (734) 485–2222. Free, confidential support for youth and families in crisis, including homelessness, having suicidal thoughts, and family conflicts. Short-term shelter, support, and programs for youth ages 10–17, longer-term housing and support for youth ages 17.5–24. ozonehouse.org

The Trevor Project. 24-hour Lifeline: (866) 488–7386. Suicide prevention lifeline for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning people up to age 25. Also TrevorChat, TrevorText, and TrevorSpace, to help LGBTQ people in crisis. thetrevorproject.org

HEALTH EMERGENCIES

Michigan Poison Control Center. (800) 222–1222 (24/7). For poison emergencies in people of all ages. Give the patient's name, age, weight, allergies, medications and symptoms, and a phone number where you can be reached. Provide the name of the substance, the time since exposure, and have it with you when you call. Provides treatment recommendations, hospital referrals, and follow-up calls.

St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor Hospital General Emergency, 5301 McAuley, Ypsilanti, (734) 712–3000. 24-hour emergency care. stjoeshealth.org/emergency-ann-arbor

U-M Hospital Emergency Department, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr., (734) 936–6666. 24-hr emergency care. Also, **Level I Pediatric Trauma Center,** 24-hour emergency treatment and urgent care for children through age 20. For adults: uofmhealth.org/medical-services/emergency-and-trauma. For pediatric emergencies: mottchildren.org/medical-services/ped-emergency-service

U-M Hospital Psychiatric Emergency Services, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr., (734) 936–5900 (24 hrs.) Suicide Prevention Help Line: (800) 273–8255. Treatment 24 hours, 7 days a week for people of all ages. Suicide and emotional crisis intervention by phone or walk-in. Go to U-M Hospital Emergency entrance; psychiatric emergency area is inside. uofmhealth.org/medical-services/emergency-mental-health-and-psychiatry

U-M School of Dentistry Emergency Clinic, 1011 North University, (734) 763–6933 (Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.). For emergency dental treatment. Call for appointment and fees. dent.umich.edu/patients

HOUSING CRISES

Housing Access for Washtenaw County. (734) 961–1999 (Mon.–Fri. 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.). Single point of entry for all county shelters. For Washtenaw county residents who face eviction, owe back rent, are experiencing homelessness, or have no ongoing place to stay. Walk-in hours and locations temporarily suspended during Covid-19. Regular hours: Tues.: 9 S. Park, Ypsilanti, 9 a.m.–noon; Thurs.: 100 Arbana, Ann Arbor, 1–4 p.m. housingaccess.net

Salvation Army. (734) 668–8353 (Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.). Emergency help with past due utilities bills. Call for appointment.

State Emergency Relief Program (Michigan Department of Health & Human Services), 22 Center, Ypsilanti, (734) 481–2000 (Mon.–Fri. 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.). *See website for important changes in assistance during the coronavirus.* Provides help to individuals and families for emergencies that threaten health and safety, including heat and utility shutoffs and eviction. michigan.gov/dhs (click on Assistance Programs, then Emergency Relief).

POLICE & FIRE

Ann Arbor Fire Department. Emergency: 911. Nonemergency: (734) 793–0911. Stations at 111 N. Fifth Ave., 2130 Jackson, 2415 Huron Pkwy., 1946 Beal, & 1881 Briarwood Cir. fire@a2gov.org, a2gov.org/fire

Ann Arbor Police Department, 301 E. Huron, Emergency: 911. Dispatch nonemergency: (734) 994–2911 (24 hours). a2gov.org/police

Pittsfield Police Department, 6227 W. Michigan Ave., Emergency: 911. Dispatch nonemergency: (734) 822–4911. Confidential tip line: (734) 822–4958. publicsafety@pittsfield-mi.gov, pittsfield-mi.gov

U-M Division of Public Safety and Security, U-M Police Department: 1239 Kipke. Administration: 109 E. Madison, Emergency: 911. (734) 763–1131 (24 hrs.). DPSS conducts all U-M police and security operations. Police dept. administration: (734) 763–8391 (Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m.). U-M anonymous tip line: (734) 763–9180. dpss-safety-security@umich.edu, dpss.umich.edu

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, 2201 Hogback, Emergency: 911. Nonemergency dispatch: (734) 994–2911 (24 hours). For all other calls: (734) 971–8400. The sheriff provides local police services in parts of the City Guide area, including Ann Arbor, Freedom, Lodi, Scio, and Superior townships. Sign up for text alerts by visiting website, then click Register for Nixle. washtenawsheriff.org

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Al-Anon/Alateen. (734) 995–4949. 12-step support group for families and friends of alcoholics. Eighteen meetings to choose from. afgdistrict5.org

Alcoholics Anonymous, 31 S. Huron, Ypsilanti, Meeting Locator Helpline: (734) 482–5700, Office: (734) 482–0707. *Online meetings available during coronavirus.* 12-step support groups for anyone who desires to stop drinking. Call or see website for meeting information. office@hvai.org, hvai.org

Narcotics Anonymous. (800) 230–4085. *Online meetings available during coronavirus.* Call for meeting time or to talk with a former addict. 12-step support group for people with substance abuse problems. Meetings every day in and around Ann Arbor. washtenaw.na@gmail.com, michigan-na.org/washtenaw-area

UTILITIES

AT&T. (800) 288–2020 (24 hours). Use this number to report downed phone lines, request telephone repairs or landline phone problems, or problems with AT&T's U-verse television service. att.com/contactus

City of Ann Arbor Utilities. (734) 794–6320. For emergencies after business hours: (734) 994–2840 (water treatment plant). Handles emergency repairs, water main breaks, sanitary sewer backups, stormwater flooding, and other issues. Hydrant issues or flooding issues can also be reported via the website listed, or via A2 Fix It mobile app. a2gov.org/a2fixit

DTE Energy. (800) 477–4747. Report gas leaks, power outages, and downed lines. dteenergy.com, (click on Report a Problem). For an interactive outage map: dteenergy.com/map/outage.html

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